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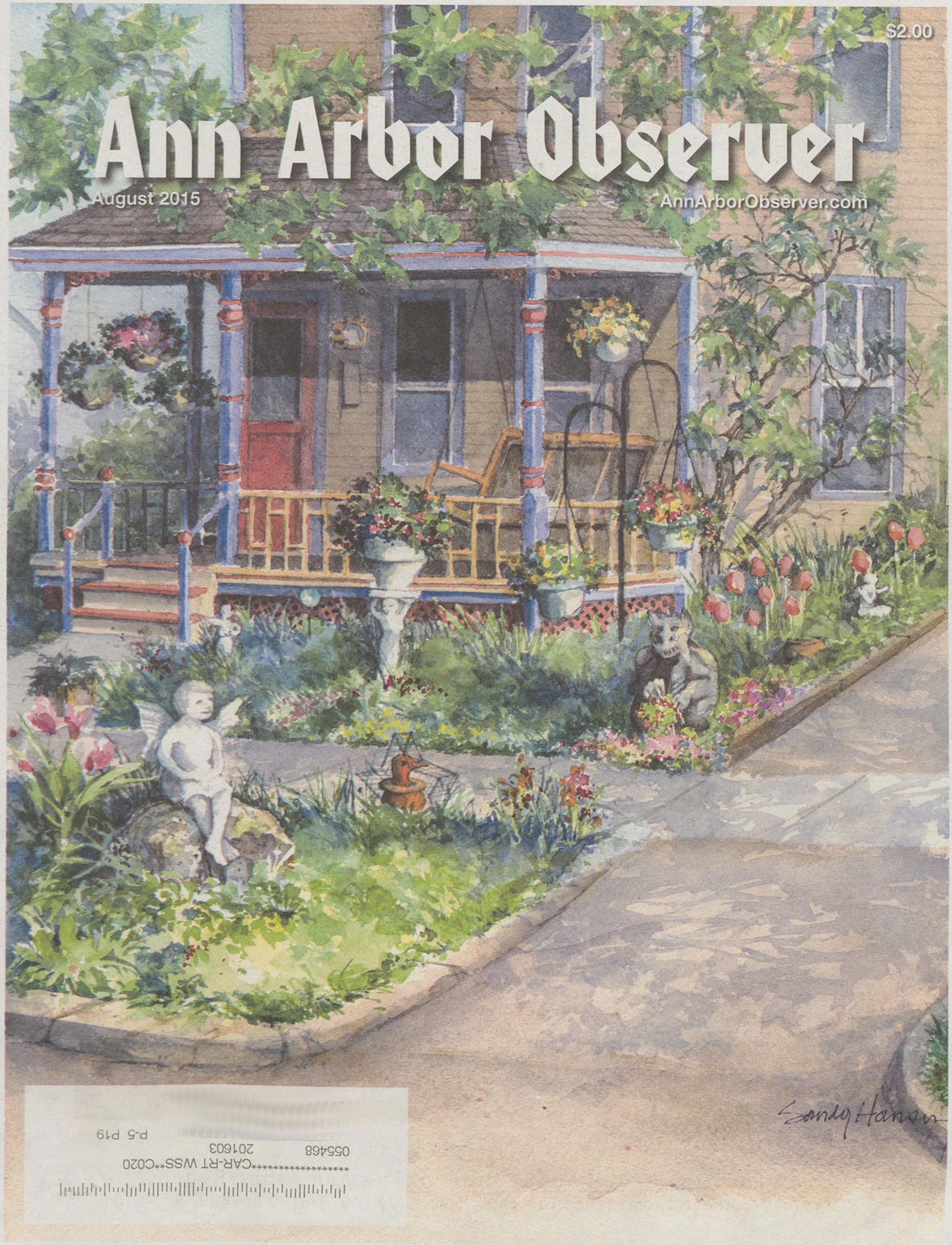

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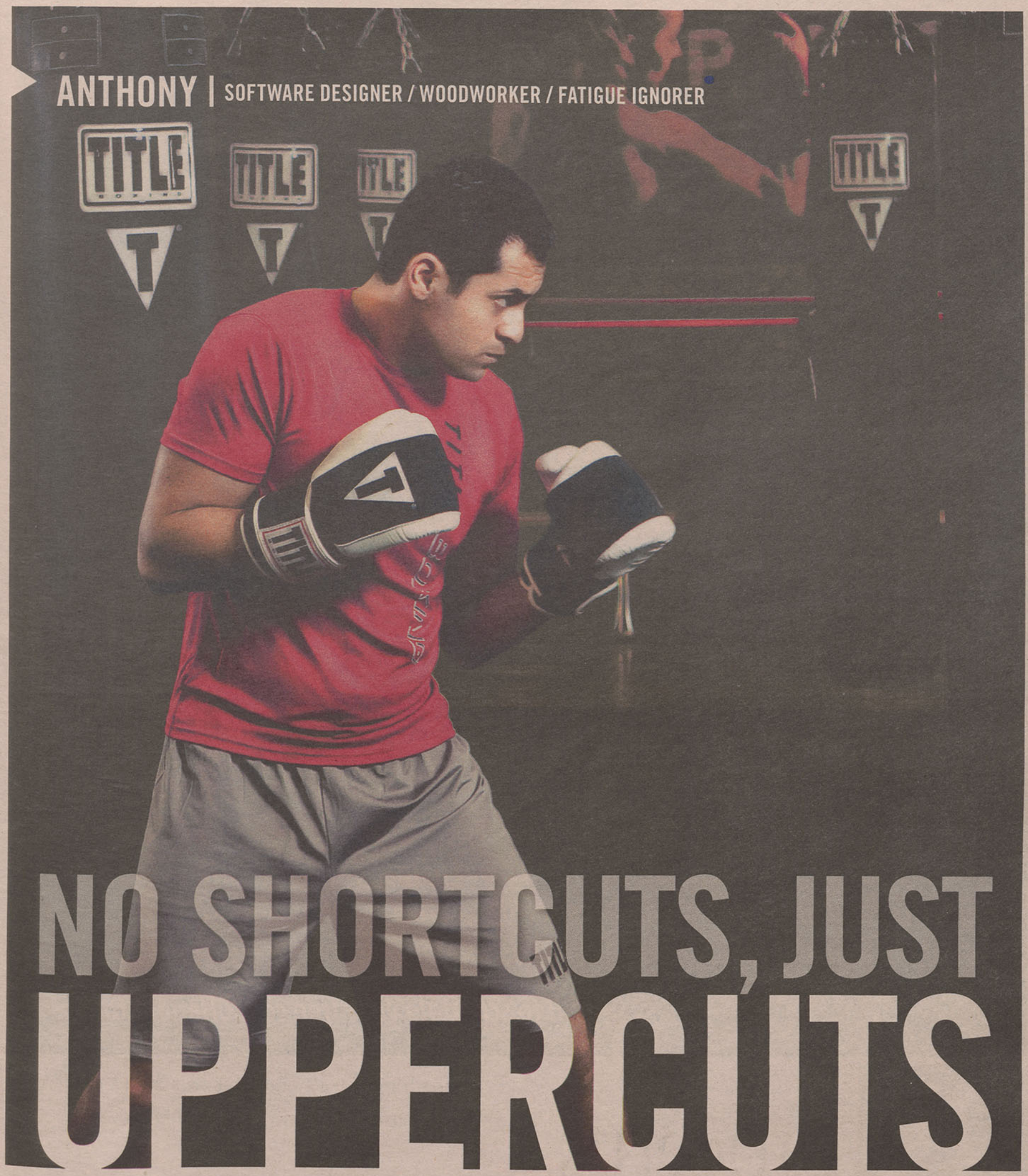

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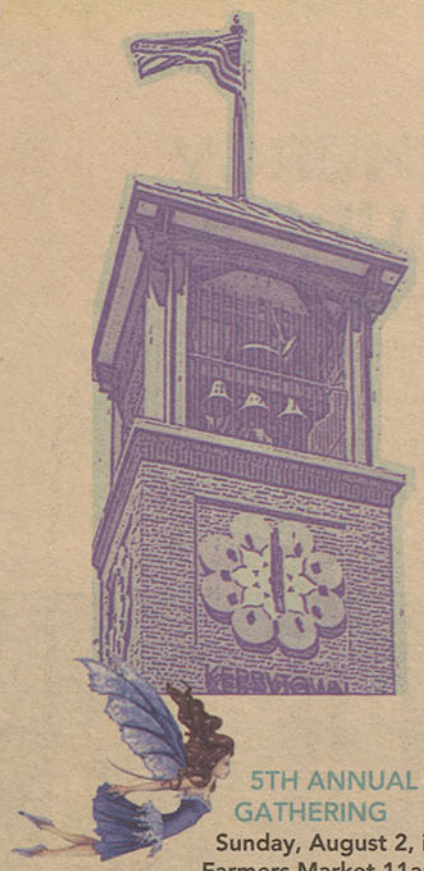

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An eagle departs: Leslie Science & Nature Center recently said goodbye to its mature bald eagle, believed to be the only one in Michigan that will fly free and return to its trainer. After trainer Francie Krawcke left this spring, the nine-year-old bird made "noises in agitation" and behaved threateningly to other staff, says Leslie executive director Susan Westhoff.

"The eagle is bonded with Francie," explains Dody Wyman, who worked with it at the River Raisin Raptor Center near Manchester. It was brought there at the age of three weeks after being pushed out of the nest by a sibling and injured. Raised by humans, the eagle is unable to survive in the wild. A barred owl, another "human imprint," also is now with Krawcke, who's back working with Wyman and River Raisin. Westhoff wrote Leslie supporters that while the center will "deeply miss" both birds, "[we] know this is in the best interest for their welfare."

A much younger bald eagle remains at Leslie, which has about fourteen birds of prey, but it is not allowed to fly outside its enclosure. Training a bird to fly and return, says Krawcke, "takes hundreds of hours." But the imprinted eagle will be back in September for the opening of Eastern Michigan University's football season. Each year it thrills fans of the Eagles with a pre-game flight over Rynearson Stadium.

Full circle: "When we walked in the door, I had to laugh. It was a déjà vu moment," recalls architect Jan Culbertson of her return to the office at 115 E. Liberty that she and her partners at A3C Collaborative Architecture left eighteen years ago. Memories, particularly of former colleagues, flooded back. Not much else had changed. A large room was divided into three small offices and the walls were painted duller colors, but A3C's logo was still at the entrance.

A3C left in 1997 when it bought a building at 210 E. Huron from another architectural firm, Colvin, Robinson, and Wright. The three principals, Culbertson, Dan Jacobs, and Brian Winkler, tempered Colvin Robinson's austere Modern facade with bands of contrasting brick and bay windows. Then, in 2007, they totally transformed the building, adding passive cooling, geothermal heating, and a green roof. The first downtown building to be certified as LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council, it gave them experience in emerging green technologies, which became an important element of their work. "We're the only company in Michigan certified to do LEED reviews, green assessments," explains Jacobs.

They moved because they got an offer they couldn't refuse from Cahoots Holdings. They had only a few weeks to find a new place, and they wanted to stay downtown. Fortunately, their old office was available to rent.

"Our plan is to make this office equal to or better than that last building" in efficiency, says Jacobs. Before moving in they put down carpet recycled from another project, turned oak flooring into desk backs, and hung bulletin boards made with corn. They plan to install high-efficiency windows and plumbing. A deck on the back may lend itself to a rain garden.

Both Jacobs and Culbertson like being back on a busier pedestrian street—though they admit it may be a little too active in terms of temptations, with Kilwin's down the block and Cupcake Station across the street.

Cahoots also bought the two buildings to the west of the A3C building. Investor Joe Malcoun says the plan is to remodel all three into a single integrated space, then offer short-term leases to tech start-ups.

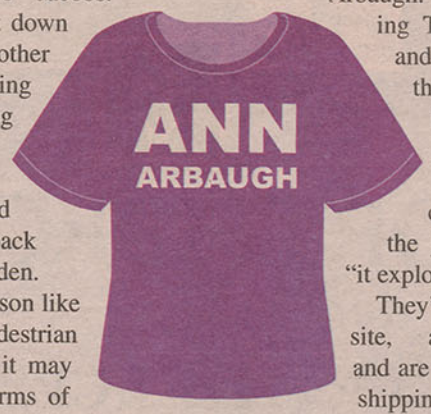
Malcoun says he shares Culbertson and Jacob's appreciation of the pedestrian experience and is looking at ways "to activate the block." He wants to encourage more foot traffic by including a large events area as well as a first-floor coffee shop, open to the public.

Good time booze: Ann Arborites know the alcohol flows freely at undergrad hot spot Good Time Charley's–so freely that the South U establishment ran up the biggest booze tab in the city last year. According to the records of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, Charley's purchased $303,391.36 of alcohol under its Class C liquor license in 2014. That's a whopping $60,000 ahead of the second-place buyer, the Last Word on W. Huron, which shelled out $240,920.17 for libations last year. Third place goes to Knight's Steakhouse on Dexter–no surprise to anyone who's ever sampled one of the establishment's notorious cocktails.

Manager Lizzie Kendrick says Knight's mainly buys vodka and gin. "We don't really have any frou-frou drinks or anything like that," Kendrick says. "It's vodka martinis, Manhattans, old-fashioneds—you know, strong drinks."

What's in a name? When MSU crushed Michigan's football team last fall, many students drowned their sorrow in beer. Then-juniors Zach Bruch and Ryan Luck didn't just vent. They started throwing names around—not just of replacement coaches, but of a product that they might market to change the frustration and embarrassment to hope and prosperity.

One name they threw out was Jim Harbaugh. Never expecting it to happen, they ordered some T-shirts reading "Ann Arbaugh." "We were selling T-shirts to family and friends before the announcement [of Harbaugh's hiring] was made," they recall—and once the job was official, "it exploded."



They've got a website, ann-arbaugh.com, and are warehousing and shipping their product from Boca Raton, Florida, where Luck's family lives. They won't disclose how many they've sold but say they have been able to "consistently move product since the day we began selling." Prices ranges from $16.95 (for a T-shirt) to $47.95 (for a lined hoodie), and they've been interviewed by *Forbes*, the *Detroit Free Press*, and others. They realized they'd really made it big when Ryan's mom called and told them to turn on their TV. She'd spotted one of their shirts on ABC News—in coverage of a charity walk-a-thon.

While the U-M zealously guards its trademarks, athletics department media guy Dave Ablauf points out that the shirts don't use the school's name or Jim Harbaugh's name. "But," he adds, "There is a woman named Ann Arbaugh in town."

There is—a Realtor with Reinhart. She's from Columbus and went to OSU. Worse yet, her husband's a Spartan.

The real Ann Arbaugh says that at first she worried that she might not be able to use her own name, but her lawyer assured her that she had it first. So she picked up the ball—so to speak—and ran with it. She had Underground Printing make twenty-five T-shirts with her name on them, for clients.

She's never heard from Bruch and Luck, but has a message for them: "Tell them I'll take some free T-shirts." ■

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The chairs reserved for Deb Mexicotte and Linda Carter stood empty.

Mexicotte is president of the Ann Arbor school board, Carter president of the Ann Arbor teachers' union. But hopes for either a public confrontation or a public reconciliation at a July Democratic Party meeting were dashed by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. The district and the teachers have filed complaints against each other with MERC, and "they felt it was too contentious for them to appear together," says county party chair Chris Savage. "And since the commission imposed a gag order, it takes off the table the battle between the teachers and the administrators."

Battle is the word. Asserting the union's contract has to change to reflect new state laws and seemingly permanent funding cuts, the schools declared it expired. The union argues it should remain in force until the district repays the teachers for the raises they lost during a five-year wage freeze. Recent school board meetings featured angry speeches by teachers and parents plus behavior so disruptive the board ended its last meeting of the school year early.

Nothing like that happened at the meeting at the Ann Arbor Community Center. The audience, including sixteen teachers and board members Susan Baskett and Simone Lightfoot, instead listened attentively as state rep Jeff Irwin explained how relations between the board and teachers got so bad.

"What's driving this conflict is the Republicans' comprehensive assault on public education," said the two-term Democratic rep. "Michigan used to be in the top ten states for public education. We were thirty-seventh last year. In the last ten years, state school funding fell 25 percent.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

The Michigan Employment Relations Commission told the school board and teachers to stop talking in public. At a July Democratic Party meeting, state rep Jeff Irwin filled in.

"Michigan used to be in the top ten states for public education," Irwin says. "We were thirty-seventh last year. In the last ten years, state school funding fell 25 percent."

"Republicans have eliminated the cap on [the number of] charter schools," Irwin continued. "It was three hundred. Now it's unlimited, and in this year's horrible budget, the charter schools are getting $250 more per pupil, while Ann Arbor schools are getting [only an additional] $25."

Irwin said policy also fuels the conflict, citing the legislature's declaration of so-called "prohibited subjects." By law, school boards can no longer bargain with unions about teacher evaluation, staffing, placement, layoffs, or firing.

"When you take all that off the table, the only thing left to talk about is wages, so of course that's contentious," Irwin said. "Republicans don't know about the carrot. They only know about the stick."

Peer-Reviewed Plants

"Health issues touch everyone," says Bob Grese.

The director of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and the Arb is explaining the thinking behind Matthaei's new Medicinal Plant Garden, which opens August 2 (see Events). "People are very curious as to where these different medicines come from," Grese says. "So I think people will find a very strong interest" in the latest addition to the U-M gardens on Dixboro Rd.

Grese was inspired to create the garden when he saw the popularity of a similar scientific garden at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario. Unlike most medicinal gardens, Matthaei's includes only plants "clinically proven [effective] with published research results," explains David Michener, associate curator. But while based on science, the garden is designed to make the connection between plants and medicine applicable for everyone.

Plants are arranged by body system or the type of condition they are used to treat. Just past the entrance, in the wellness section, are tart cherries and blueberries, known to have beneficial antioxidants. Seeds from plantago plants are the basis of psyllium, a dietary fiber helpful in reducing cholesterol (and also used in laxatives). Across from wellness, in the musculoskeletal section, is white willow, whose bark was once harvested for salicylic acid to make aspirin.

Visitors can browse plants used for cancer, dermatology, and cardiovascular health, among many others. A few displays, such as for coca in the dental section and opium poppies in musculoskeletal, have informational placards rather than actual plants to discourage self-diagnosis and self-medicating.

The entrance section pays tribute to U-M history and plants used in the late 1800s to treat local patients. The university's first botanical garden in 1897 was a medicinal garden; one of its two creators was also inspired by professional travel. A year after attending a pharmaceutical exposition in Austria, botany professor Volney Spalding helped oversee the creation of sixty beds for medicinal

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Matthaei director Bob Grese and intern Alex Peters prepare the botanical gardens' new Medicinal Plant Garden for its August opening.

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plants next to the library. In a letter, he wrote that "the impression which the student gains by studying living examples of medicinal plants will be infinitely more deeply engraved upon his memory than the most detailed description of a textbook."

Both the 1897 and current gardens exemplified cutting-edge knowledge of medicinal plants. Yet only six plants studied at the U-M in 1900 have been scientifically proven effective and are found in the new garden: deadly nightshade (respiratory), digitalis (cardiovascular), jimsonweed (ophthalmology), mayapple (dermatology), poppy (musculoskeletal), and aloe. The versatile aloe is used not only in dermatology but also for gastrointestinal conditions and infectious disease.

The medicinal garden completes a five-year program at Matthaei. The Gaffield Children's Garden opened in 2010, and the Bonsai and Penjing Garden and the Great Lakes Garden both opened in 2013.

The Medicinal Plant Garden is the last one planned near the visitor center—not because they've run out of ideas, but because they've run out of room inside the deer fence.

A Serious Man

After twenty-five years with the AAPD, police chief John Seto retires.

Ann Arbor's first police chief was also its longest serving. Thomas O'Brien started as chief in 1916 when the town went from mayor-appointed marshals to commission-appointed chiefs and ended seventeen years later, when O'Brien died in office.

Terms have gotten shorter since then. Seto's three immediate predecessors stayed an average of five years. And Seto has been chief only since 2012, making his the shortest tenure since Doug Smith left to be Tucson's chief in 1994.

Seto wasn't hired away. He told the Observer in February that he had "no aspirations to be in a bigger city or a different career," and he confirms he has no new job lined up. So why is he stepping down?

"There's nothing that's making me leave," Seto says. "I've been supported by the officers and command staff and city leadership and council and the community. I am blessed to have finished twenty-five years and have the ability to retire. The timing was right both for me personally and within the department."

City administrator Steve Powers calls Seto "one of the most honest, ethical, and sincere individuals I have ever met" and says he doesn't think there's any deeper story behind the departure: "I believe him when he says it's time."

While Seto doesn't rule out returning to police work at some point, he says he also has "a great interest in teaching … If I have the opportunity I would love to teach at a college level."

MARK BIALEK

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Council had already approved officers wearing body cameras before the shooting, and Seto says some already are in use for testing and evaluation. "We're working with the sheriff's department, the Ypsilanti city police, and the EMU police to make sure we have consistent policies." Seto expects full deployment within months.

Will other changes follow the department's review of the shooting? "We had meetings about what we learned and what we could do differently," the chief says. "But I'd rather keep those internal."

Born in Hong Kong in 1967, Seto moved to Detroit at seven. He hired in at the AAPD as a patrol officer after graduating from EMU in 1990. In his long career, Seto served under four chiefs: Doug Smith, Carl Ent, Dan Oates, and Barnett Jones, who made him his deputy chief for operations. "Barnett pushed him to step out of his comfort zone, particularly in the parts of the job that required more community interaction," says the person who promoted him to the top, Steve Powers. "It really helped him when the chief opportunity came along. He already had the internal experience. It was the last piece that was missing from his portfolio."

Seto took over in the wake of deep staff cuts that reduced the number of sworn officers from 216 to 118 in the course of a decade. Yet despite the reduc-

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tions, the city's crime rate is less than half what it was when he was hired as a young officer. The department's surveys, he says, find that the public is mostly concerned "with nuisance-type things: aggressive panhandling, graffiti, drug use, also traffic complaints like driving too fast or not being polite."

Why have violent crimes decreased? "The number-one reason is collaboration with other law enforcement agencies," Seto says. "In the case of the tragic homicide of the U-M student [in 2013], the U-M police pretty much just gave us a detective for many months. And the sharing of information has a significant impact. The surveillance photos, the photos from

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private cameras that get shared—a lot of people are identified that way."

Seto's number-two reason is that "solving crime reduces crime because many crimes are committed by the same people. You're preventing crimes that would have been committed." Seto cites B&Es, bank robberies, "and the terrible home invasions from Thanksgiving last year. Our detectives went out to Texas to assist in [solving] the case."

He acknowledges that the cuts hurt officer morale. When he took over, the department "hadn't had promotions in many years. We weren't hiring people, so people on the low end of the seniority list continued to be on the low end.

"When I became chief, although our numbers didn't increase, when we had people retire, we didn't [eliminate the positions], so we did have some movement. In the time I've been chief we hired thirty officers. That created opportunities for promotions, [which] naturally helped."

Deputy chief Jim Baird has been appointed interim chief. But Seto's successor won't necessarily come from within the department. Powers has launched a national search for his replacement.

"There was an open process last time, but John was a clear candidate," Powers says. "This time it's not as clear. If there are internal candidates, and I hope there are, I want them to be able to compete against the best in the country. By the end of the year we hope to have someone hired."

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This past spring, Cornelia Morrison showed up for her appointment with pharmacy PhD Anne Shin Yoo at the U-M's East Medical Center on Plymouth Rd. Morrison, sixty-five, has high cholesterol, hypertension, and diabetes. But Morrison is the kind of patient health care providers wish for: she has taken charge of her health.

Morrison hands Yoo a small notebook where she's recorded her blood pressure readings taken at home. Then the Whitmore Lake woman sets up her own monitor and cuff on an exam table.

"Take your blood pressure exactly the way you would do it at home," Yoo tells her, then takes a look at the notebook. "Your blood pressures at home look fantastic!"

The two review elements of a good diet (Morrison is experimenting with quinoa and has questions about sweet potatoes versus white), the importance of exercising regularly, and Morrison's glucometer readings that record her blood sugar level.

"Remember, you don't have to check daily since your blood sugar's under good control," the pharmacist tells her. In fact, all three of Morrison's chronic conditions are now well controlled by medication and lifestyle—so Yoo discharges her back to her primary care physician.

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Inside Ann Arbor

Yoo and other pharmacists free up primary care doctors to focus on more severe or acute matters and help patients who don't take their medications or don't use them correctly. Studies show that up to half of patients don't take their medications correctly, says Hae Mi Choe, the pharmacy PhD who started U-M's program.

Choe, director of Pharmacy Innovations & Clinical Practices for the U-M faculty practice, is lead author of a paper that found eighty patients with diabetes managed their disease better under the care of a clinical pharmacist than a group that was cared for elsewhere. More recent, although unpublished, data show that 543 patients with diabetes significantly reduced their blood sugar levels while under the care of a pharmacist.

The program is so popular with doctors that specialty clinics like psychiatry, anticoagulation/cardiology, post-transplant endocrinology, and chronic kidney disease asked for and got pharmacists in their practices, too, says pharmacy associate dean Nancy Mason. In all, ten U-M pharmacists now provide direct patient care.

"Physicians are very busy and looking for help in focused ways with patients, whether it's a dietitian or a pharmacist," says Connie Standiford, executive medical director of U-M's Ambulatory Care Services. "We don't have enough primary care physicians, and this is one way to do things differently." Dietitians, social workers, and nurses acting as care navigators also work with doctors in U-M's outpatient clinics.

Pharmacists don't just take pressure off primary care doctors—Standiford notes that they bring their patients more knowledge and training about medications and supplements. And they're more convenient: "They also do more telephone visits, and I think patients really like that."

Elvis & Don

The memory of Elvis Presley lives on at the corner of Dexter and Barber.

Don and Angela Nordman share their home with Don's collection of all things Elvis: A three-foot Elvis statue graces the front bay window, a life-sized plaster Elvis with several colorful leis stands guard at the front door, and a 1960s Seeburg jukebox in the living room plays only Elvis.

Don says his passion for all things Presley began about thirty years ago when he started spotting Elvis memorabilia at estate sales. However, his first purchase was a bust of the King at Treasure Mart. What inspired his collection? "Oh, I love Elvis," Don says. "I used to watch him on TV with my family. When he passed away [in August 1977], we all totally lost it."

He says he bought the 1956 brick ranch because its retro look was suitable for his Elvis shrine. The living room, where a fireplace mantel displays McCormick Elvis decanters (Don's favorite collectible) and bric-a-brac, is now painted lavender and gray. An original "Sputnik" chandelier hangs over the dining room table, while a nearby blonde Heywood Wakefield china cabinet holds Marilyn Monroe and James Dean cookie jars. (Don started collecting memorabilia of these icons a few years ago, and more recently added Gene Autry to his roster.) Kitschy pink flamingos are scattered throughout the house along with framed Elvis paintings. The Elvis "Burning Love" bedroom is a sight to behold, painted red with a wallpaper border of scenes from *Blue Hawaii* near the ceiling, Hawaiian curtains, and a blonde Heywood Wakefield bedroom set. Angela explains that the color scheme was inspired by Elvis's at Graceland (Don's been there four times) but expresses relief at her husband's omission of another of the King's decorating standards: "Thank God, he doesn't like shag carpeting that much!"

All his collecting calls for some extra coin. "God knows, she gets mad about what I spend sometimes," Don says, adding that he supports his habit by doing lawn mowing, landscaping, and maintenance side jobs, in addition to working full-time in materials services at U-M.

The Nordmans aren't the neighborhood's only kitschy couple. Nearby on Barber, the front yard of Martha Hefner and Larry Hierholzer features a gas lamp on a pole. A couple of years ago, Hefner painted the lamp's globe red, then added the word "HELLO" in large letters.

Some incorrectly thought the lamp indicated a house of ill repute. Differing opinions on its identification by others demonstrate a generation gap.

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"I used to watch [Elvis] on TV with my family," Don Nordman recalls. "When he passed away [in August 1977], we all totally lost it."

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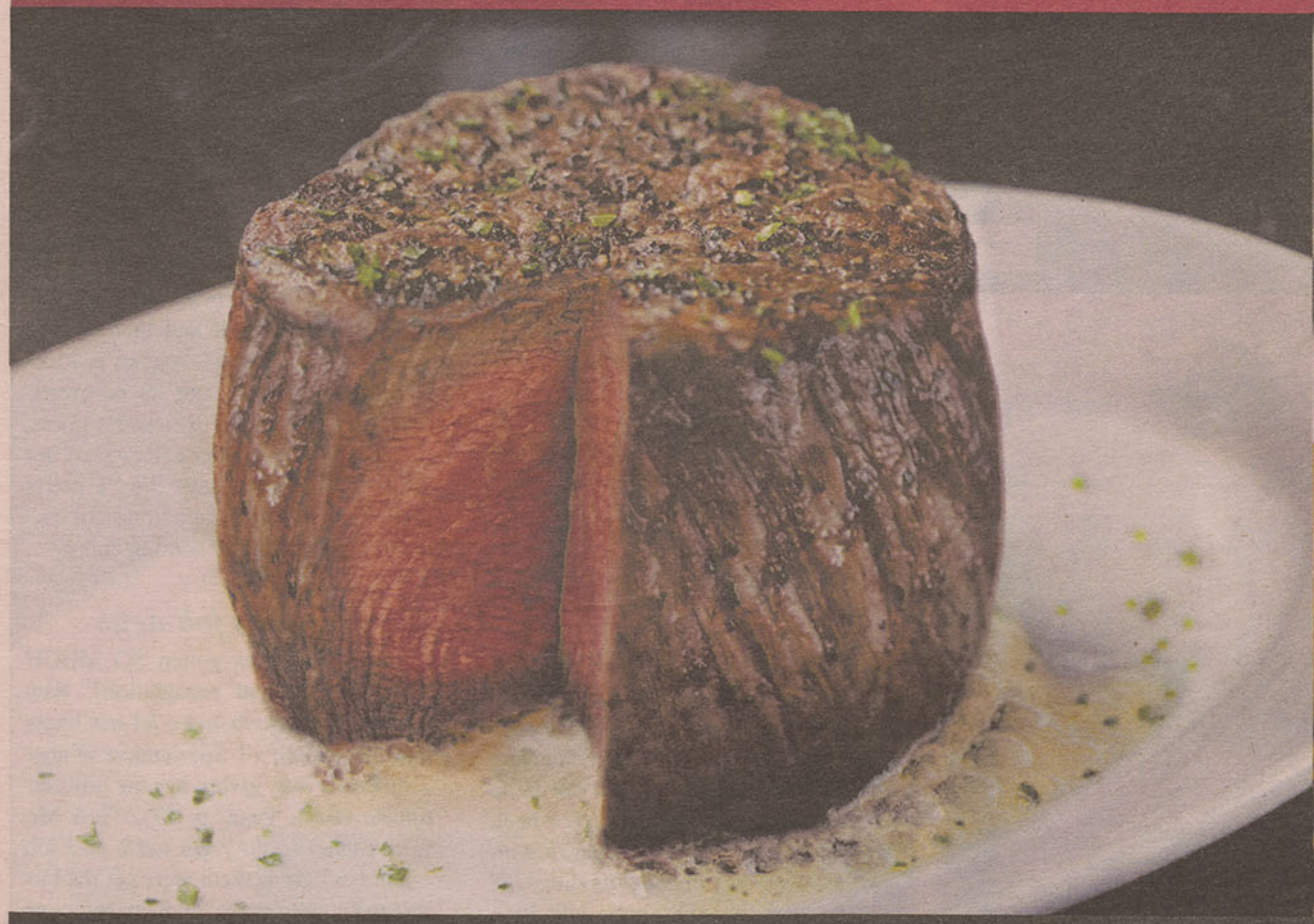

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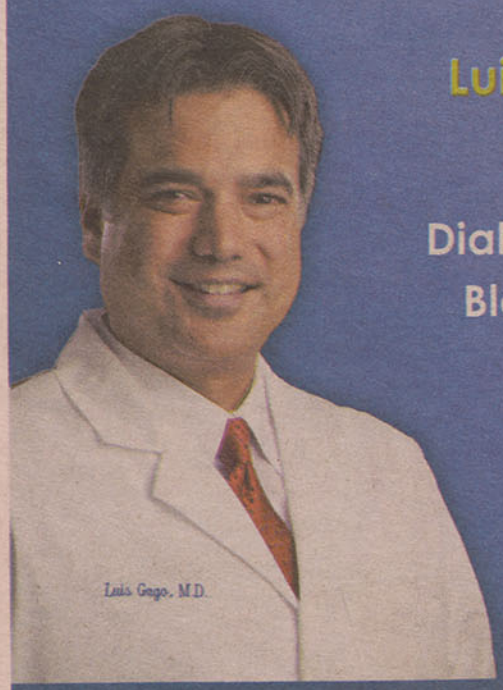

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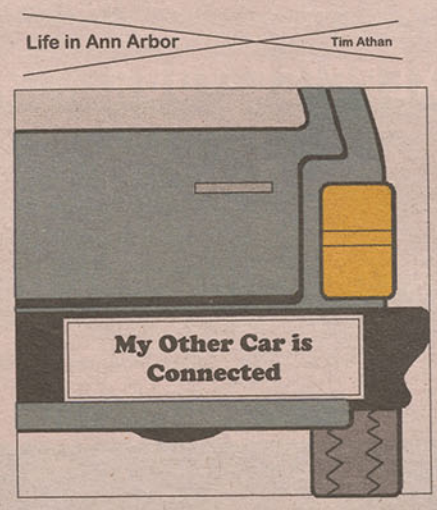

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Origins of the Eden boycott

To the Observer:

Thank you for your coverage of the effort by a group of member-owners of the People's Food Coop (PFC) to put to a membership vote a possible boycott of Eden Foods products. I'd like to clarify that this effort is the work of coop members who organized, communicated with the board for months and collected signatures from the coop membership. While some members of the Washtenaw chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) support such a boycott and some members of NOW have worked to put the issue on the ballot, this effort has not been driven by NOW. The effort began with several coop members attending the PFC board meetings after the July 2014 Supreme Court decision in the Hobby Lobby case that allows employers to deny coverage of birth control based on religious beliefs.

Sincerely,
Ann Rodgers

Physics and records

"Thanks so much for the nice profile of Jeff and Marc and the record store," emailed Stephanie Kadel Taras, whose husband, Jeff Taras, was profiled with his brother (and PJ's Records co-owner) Marc in July. Kadel Taras also corrected an error in our account of the brothers' educational histories: "It was Jeff who minored in particle physics, not Marc."

Ricewood's rub

"I just wanted to extend a warm thanks to all you at the Observer for such a nice write-up on us," emailed Ricewood barbecue truck owner Frank Fejeran (Quick Bite, July). "As much as we love the article, we did find some mistruths to it and thought you would want to know." Fejeran is Ricewood's sole owner, not its co-owner. And, contrary to our reviewer's guess, its rub contains neither celery seed nor coriander—Fejeran says it's "a pretty traditional rub with the addition of cinnamon and ginger … nothing crazy."

Kim Elsifor's job news

"That story has gotten SO MUCH ATTENTION and recognition," Kim Elsifor emailed when we let her know that this month's I Spy contest winner Tim Reade was giving her his gift certificate (Back Page, p. 87). "Tell Mr. Reade that the story got me 2 or 3 job offers but two of them were off the bus line so I couldn't take them but someone at Kroger's read it and I will be starting there (until I find a desk job) with orientation at the Maple Road store. And also pass on the latest job scam came from someone using as a cover PURE MICHIGAN TALENT BANK and a very real company in the UK claiming to be looking for Administrative Executives that would be working from home doing data entry and analysis for $16 an hour after a 2 week training at $14 an hour. I contacted the real company to confirm the job and it doesn't exist and they never heard of MRS. WIGGINS who was the woman who interviewed me for 40 minutes by Yahoo Messenger, then I heard from PURE MICHIGAN who told me authentic postings are identified by a PM ID number and they are now investigating these people falsely claiming to work with HEALTH INTELLIGENCE.

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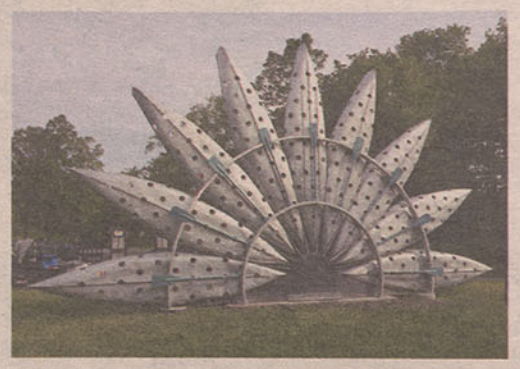

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The Biggest Butterfly

Seeking giant swallowtails

Sometimes we have to sharpen our observational skills to see what is going on outside. However, one very large butterfly is easy to spot. The aptly named giant swallowtail is the biggest butterfly in Michigan.

Form your two index fingers into pointers and touch them to each other: if you take a large glove size, the butterfly's maximum wingspan is approximately the length of both fingers put together. The field guides say around six inches.

The giant swallowtail's coloration is as spectacular as its size. From the top, its wings look dark brown to black, with yellow dot ribboning and a yellow eye-shaped spot on the end of each wing. When the wings are raised, the bottom is revealed to be a subtle cream interrupted by wavy blue and rust bands.

Ronda Spink, coordinator of the Michigan Butterfly Network (michiganbutterfly.org), says she sees more and more of these butterflies each year. This species spends its Michigan winter in the pupa stage and emerges in two broods each summer, the first in May through June, the second in July through early September.

Once you have seen a giant swallowtail live and in person, you will remember it forever. The best time of day, according to Spink, is usually from around 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; we suggest choosing bright, warm days. Watch for these beauties flying at about eye level and moving at a leisurely pace (for a butterfly). You won't have any doubts once you see one; no other butterfly around here looks anything like it.

In Ann Arbor, they can be found in both cultivated gardens and natural areas. In private gardens, butterfly-friendly plantings include purple coneflowers and butterfly bushes. You may also see one in Matthaei's Gateway Garden and in the Rotarians' butterfly garden near the Gallup Park canoe livery.

We suggest choosing bright, warm days. Watch for these beauties flying at eye level and moving at a leisurely pace (for a butterfly).

Becky Gajewski, stewardship specialist for the city's natural area preservation unit, says that among the parks and natural areas that have been surveyed, volunteers have seen giant swallowtails most often at Bandemer, Barton, Furstenberg, Marshall, and Mary Beth Doyle. All of these nature areas (as well as several more) have prickly ash or wafer ash, the larval host plants for the giant swallowtail.

Mother Nature gives no guarantees, so we cannot say for sure that you will see a giant swallowtail this season. But even if you don't, a butterfly hunt is a great excuse to get outdoors this summer.

—Bob and Jorja Feldman

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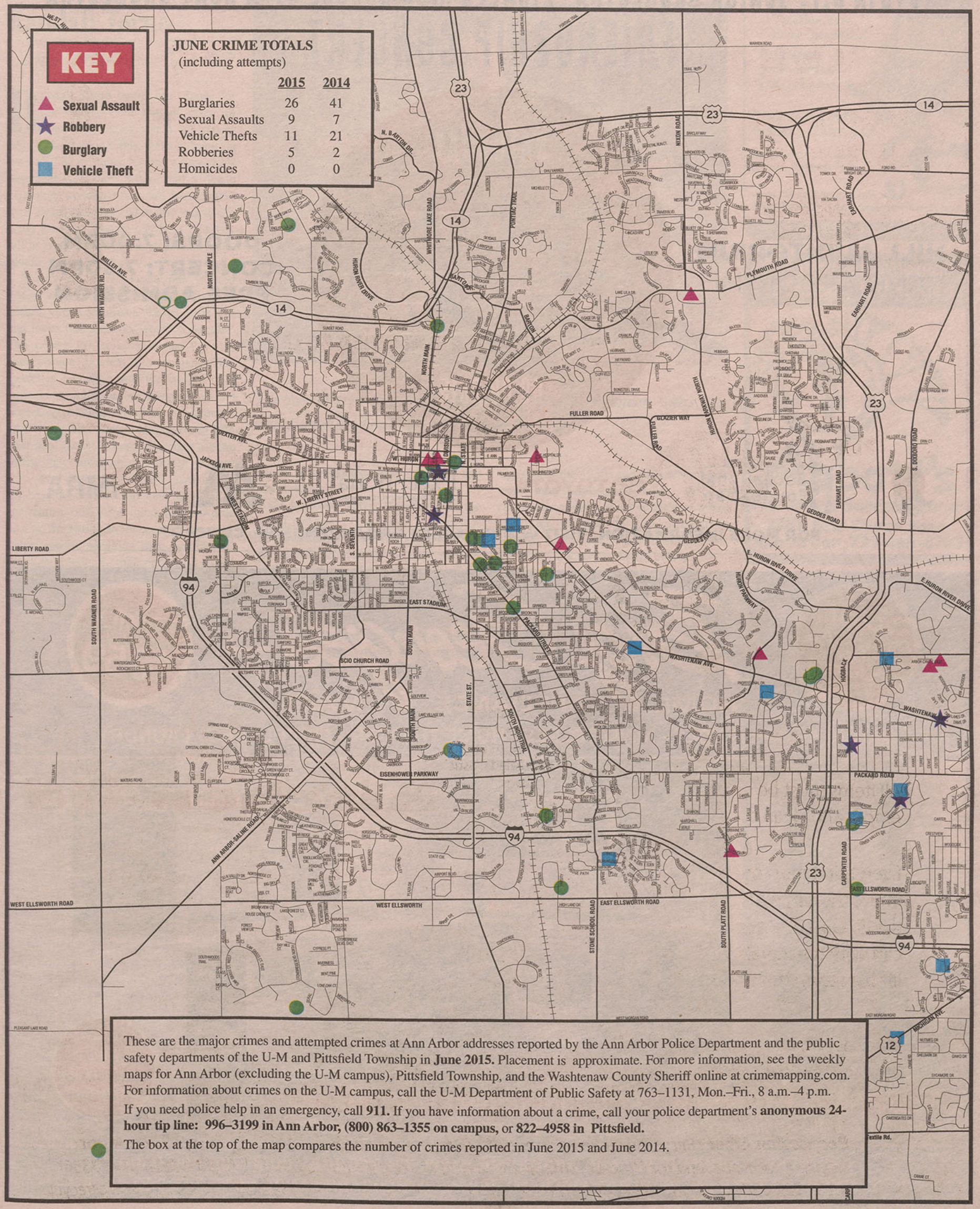

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Randall Torno

Canoe artisan

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Torno—a sixty-six-year-old retired design engineer—has fine-tuned his boat design for two decades.

Randall Torno builds his canoes for the water—even though some of them may never touch a river or lake. "Many people buy them to hang on the wall," he explains, leading a tour of his basement workshop, where half a dozen gleaming wooden boats, all handcrafted from strips of local and exotic wood, are ready for sale. "People see them, and they fall in love with them!" says Torno's wife, Janet.

Torno—a sixty-six-year-old retired design engineer—has fine-tuned his boat design, which features a "kayak-style hull that looks like a canoe," for two decades. The vessels are so smooth and light (at twenty-three pounds the single-person model is less than half the weight of a typical aluminum canoe) that paddlers can "sneak up on things without being known," says Torno. He recalls a long-ago trip with their son, Jarrett, where, rounding a bend softly, they came upon a dozen grazing deer. That same canoe, now hanging on his basement wall, also gave the father-son team a first-place finish in a ten-mile race on the Huron River twenty years ago. Torno smiles, recalling that, incredulous that they'd won, the pair collapsed on the shore.

For many years, Torno's outdoor adventures took him to the skies as well. But in 2000 he was flying his award-winning aerobatic biplane—one of three planes he'd meticulously built by hand—when it crashed shortly after takeoff from a private airfield south of Ann Arbor because of a defective part. Torno suffered thirty-three broken bones and injured his spinal cord.

"They said at best I'd use a wheelchair," he says. "I was pretty damaged." Janet (a former arts administrator now employed at Conlin Travel) and Jarrett, then training to be a pilot in Arizona, rallied around Torno and coordinated his care.

Torno went through more than two dozen surgeries—many experimental—plus physical therapy. "He was determined he would get through it," Janet says. For her part, she explains she's "one of those people who is very good at being positive for other people … and I have a lot of really good friends who supported me." (Unnerved by his father's accident, Jarrett changed his career plans; he earned an MBA from U-M. Married, he now works for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.)

A few months after the accident, Torno started working from home for the former Jenkins Equipment Company (now International Equipment Solutions), and eventually returned to the company's Sweepster facility in Scio Twp. He retired a few years ago. Torno says he's at "about 75 percent of my former [energy] level" and uses crutches.

He launched Torno Boatworks at the end of last year. "The way I look at it is you can choose to do nothing or you can choose to do something," he says. He uses an office chair with wheels to maneuver around his workshop, where he spends about four hours each day. He's adapted his power tools for use while seated and personally adapted his spacious cedar home in the Loch Alpine subdivision to make it easier to navigate.

Torno's passion for handcrafted design is everywhere in the house: his stained-glass designs decorate the windows—including a recent creation that pays homage to the couple's obsession with *Game of Thrones*—his painted wooden dog sculptures greet visitors at the front door, and his handblown glass creations and pottery line the shelves.

Born in Detroit and raised in Dearborn, Torno studied visual arts at Northern Michigan University for two years then quit to work at Ford, where his jobs included wood model maker and tool and die maker. Eventually, he earned an engineering degree from U-M in 1973. In 1970, he served a stint as a medic on a rescue helicopter in Vietnam. Later, suffering job burnout at Ford, he and Janet, whom he met through a mutual friend and married in 1980, traveled the country for a year, then returned to settle in Ann Arbor. At Jenkins, he created products for John Deere and Caterpillar, as well as airport runway equipment—and even the control system for a Disneyland ride.

"For me, design is paramount in everything," says Torno. Five years ago he built a replica 1940s-era mahogany "gentlemen's runabout" motorboat that he named the "Ran Jan," which won top honors at an antique boat show. "I'm attracted to designs from the 1930s and '40s when there were more craftsmen—before the big companies came in to try to make it better and faster." He made the metal pieces from scratch; he fashioned the windshield from the side windows of an old Cadillac.

"The smell of the varnish and the wood is very intoxicating all stirred together," says Torno, as he leans into the motorboat, parked in his driveway. Janet, however, prefers the more peaceful kayak. "I mentioned selling [the motorboat] once, but that didn't go over so well," she laughs.

For his canoes, Torno chooses local wood from Recycle Ann Arbor's ReUse Center and visits a Charlotte lumberyard for more exotic wood. The hulls are made from Alaska cedar as well as oak and maple; the trim is mahogany. He wraps the hulls in S-glass fiberglass cloth—used in airplane construction—that he chose for its strength and lightness. "As a design engineer I'm excited and very involved in getting it there [using] nonstandard tooling," he says. He explains that the fiberglass and resin "merge with the wood" to create a seamless structure. Instead of the staples found in most wood canoes, he uses clamps and bungee cords to hold the wood together as it dries. "It's a game to one-up the competition," he says.

Torno's one-person canoes sell for $3,000, with two-person models going for $5,000 to $6,000. He also makes paddles as well as decorative half-size models, which sell for $500.

The Tornos use his canoes themselves; their favorite spot is Pickerel Lake. And every summer, he and Janet, also a U-M grad, visit Camp Michigania and bring one of their canoes along—but they usually don't return with it, because they end up selling it to a fellow camper. This year, they plan to bring two.

—Shelley Daily

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Squeezing Tomatoes

A fussy shopper meets her match.

I learned a bit about shopping for produce from my mother, a housewife of Italian descent. I also was lucky to live in Italy for almost two years, where my neighbor Franca taught me how to shop at the market. In Italy, shopping for the best fruits and vegetables can be very competitive. Housewives examine the tomatoes with an intensity that is almost scary and physically block rivals from the best ones, rather like in a hockey game. By contrast, here at the Farmers Market, it is not uncommon to see someone buy a box of tomatoes after only a cursory glance. Here, a tomato is a tomato. But there, it's not just any tomato you want. You are searching for the Platonic ideal of a tomato. Choosing tomatoes is an art—and a science. So I'm embarrassed to say I feel a little superior when I go to the market and see dozens of people lost in conversation and forgetting to squeeze their tomatoes before buying them.

Now, this is a controversial subject, and I do not want to be held responsible if my readers should inadvertently cause damage to other people's tomatoes by following my methods. But if one wants to choose tomatoes in the authentic Italian way, one must squeeze them first with great tenderness and finesse, rather like squeezing the extra fat on a baby's thighs. Farmers can get upset when someone squeezes their tomatoes so hard it leaves a bruise, or worse, squeezes a tomato so hard that it releases a stream of juice and seeds that lands in the farmer's face. This actually happened to me, though I maintain the tomato was overripe—which was, in fact, what I was trying to determine.

You are looking for a tomato that is still firm and not too ripe; and as for variety, you are looking for a tomato that speaks to you. Many farmers are happy to let you sample different varieties (unless you have just squirted them in the face with tomato juice). By this point, if you have followed these instructions, you, too, will be overtaken by the thrill of the hunt.

Though it is not politically correct to admit it, even here in Ann Arbor some of us shop with an element of competition. The hard-core shoppers get to the market by 8 a.m. or so; if you arrive at 11 a.m., you won't find very many Platonic vegetables, and you are going to have to find them fast. This was my very predicament on a Saturday in the middle of last summer, when the market was filled with kale, lettuce, peppers, cukes, raspberries, apples, cherries—paradise, in other words, except that it was late in the morning, so everything was picked over.

I always walk every aisle before I buy anything; this way I can scope out the range of prices for each product and find out if any new crops have come in. I work alone, a lone wolf, to prevent any friends from seeing what happens to me when I am overcome by primitive hunter-gatherer impulses. But on this day I came across a woman who was my equal at the chase—more than my equal, in fact. And I was changed forever.

It happened at the entrance to the market on Detroit St., at a stall that was isolated and therefore vulnerable to bargaining. Two signs advertised the usual two grades of tomatoes: perfect orbs that glistened in the sun like fat rubies, and "seconds" that had slight imperfections—maybe they were not quite round or oval, maybe they had one tiny black spot near the stem. But this stand had another classification I had never seen before: "homely," and my Italian American blood began pumping with lust at the idea of tomatoes that even their owners called "homely." I felt sorry for these self-effacing farmers, who were offering these tomatoes at a rock-bottom price, not knowing how valuable they could be in a sauce, made with just a little effort, after snipping away their spots, snarls, and bruises. I became even more sorry thinking of how many people wouldn't even know how to start making a homemade sauce because they have become so dependent on Paul Newman

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to make it for them—even though he has been dead for seven years.

Following some deep ancestral call, I headed straight for the homely tomatoes and started sorting like I was panning for gold. But then another hand bumped mine, and I quickly drew back. I looked up at the intruder who had ruined my homely tomato ecstasy, feeling a bit resentful. I saw that the woman whose hand bumped mine looked a bit resentful, too. Then I recognized her as my good friend May from Quaker meeting.

We laughed and hugged, and I said: "Please don't tell the Quakers how greedy I was being."

May is in her early nineties, a Japanese American, and it turns out she knows just as many tricks as my Italian mother—or more. We spent the morning together, and May took me to a stall that sold Asian greens, stacked with great aesthetic care, that I had never noticed before. May also showed me how to pick out a melon by thumping it and snapping off the green belly-button stem and smelling underneath.

May and I went to lunch at the People's Food Co-op, where I scolded her the same way I scolded my mother when she got older. "You are too skinny," I told her. "Eat more of your bread. Let me buy these chili peppers for you. Here, this is dark chocolate. It will put some meat on those skinny chicken legs of yours."

Eventually I had to accept that, just as with my mother, I would never have any influence over May. But that didn't mean we couldn't still have a lot of fun. I also had to concede that I would never come close to May's skills as a market shopper: she was, without doubt, the queen of the hunt.

—Madeline Strong Diehl

The Circus in the 1930s

Lions and tigers at Burns Park

Gaily painted circus wagons carrying huge tents and others bearing the menagerie of all types of wild animals travelled through the city streets this morning between the Michigan Central railroad and the Packard St. showgrounds as the Al G. Barnes Circus arrived for performances this afternoon and tonight.

—Ann Arbor News, *August 13, 1935*

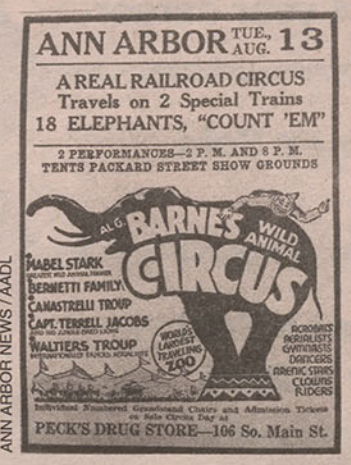
As a girl in the 1930s, I spent summers with my maternal grandparents in Ann Arbor. While Grandpa Mann ran the Facory Hat Store on Packard near State, Grandma Mann and I spent most of our time at their log cabin at Zukey Lake.

Late each Friday afternoon Grandpa Mann would join us, driving in his brown 1922 Dodge down the grass lawns behind the cottages to park behind our cabin. Monday morning he would turn the car around, careful not to hit the rocks edging the garden he loved, and go back to town. Sometimes Grandma Mann and I went with him.

Always when the circus was coming to town.

Their house wrapped around Grandpa Mann's store. When the circus parade came by on its way to the county fairgrounds (now Burns Park), I would stand in the parlor window and watch the elephants pulling the circus wagons. Some were fire-engine red with dazzling gold trim, a Technicolor treat, especially wondrous to a child—lions and tigers pacing back and forth behind the iron bars, back and forth, in their slinky, feline way.

The circus was one of five that John Ringling acquired when he purchased the American Circus Corporation in 1929. The *New York Times* headlined its story, "Man Who Started as a Clown Now Controls the Entire Big Top Industry."



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Back then, in the words of circus historians LaVahn Hoh and William Rough, "Going to the circus in your hometown would be comparable today to attending the Super Bowl or the Daytona 500 NASCAR race on the Fourth of July." It was a time when the circus "was indelibly fixed in everyday life, as much as newspapers, the telegraph, the railroad and mail-order catalogues."

The Barnes Circus gave Grandpa Mann free tickets in exchange for putting a poster in his store window. So after the parade Grandma Mann and I would go to the afternoon performance in the big canvas tent.

It was a true three-ring circus, with bareback riders, tumblers, and a big round animal cage. "Mabel Stark, queen of the tiger trainers is with the show again this year," the *Ann Arbor News* wrote, "and is working 17 Bengal tigers. Capt. Terrell Jacobs has 19 lions ("Jungle Bred") in another giant arena."

I can still picture the uniformed trainers cracking their whips and the lions and tigers dutifully hopping up onto the designated stands. Sometimes it took a couple of cracks of the whip, a hold-your-breath moment—a teeth-showing, lip-curling snarl—before they performed.

There were peanuts and pink cotton candy to go with the trapeze artists flying up in the tent's top rigging and clowns in their made-up faces under the colorful wigs, running around in floppy shoes, tumbling out of tiny cars.

We'd spend the rest of the week in town. Then, on Friday afternoon, it was back out to the lake on US-23—not today's freeway, but a two-lane country road. There were two dips near Whitmore Lake. Through the years they became the "big dip" and the "little dip," and part of going to and from the lake was to anticipate the dips.

Carefree summer days. *—Val Lauder*

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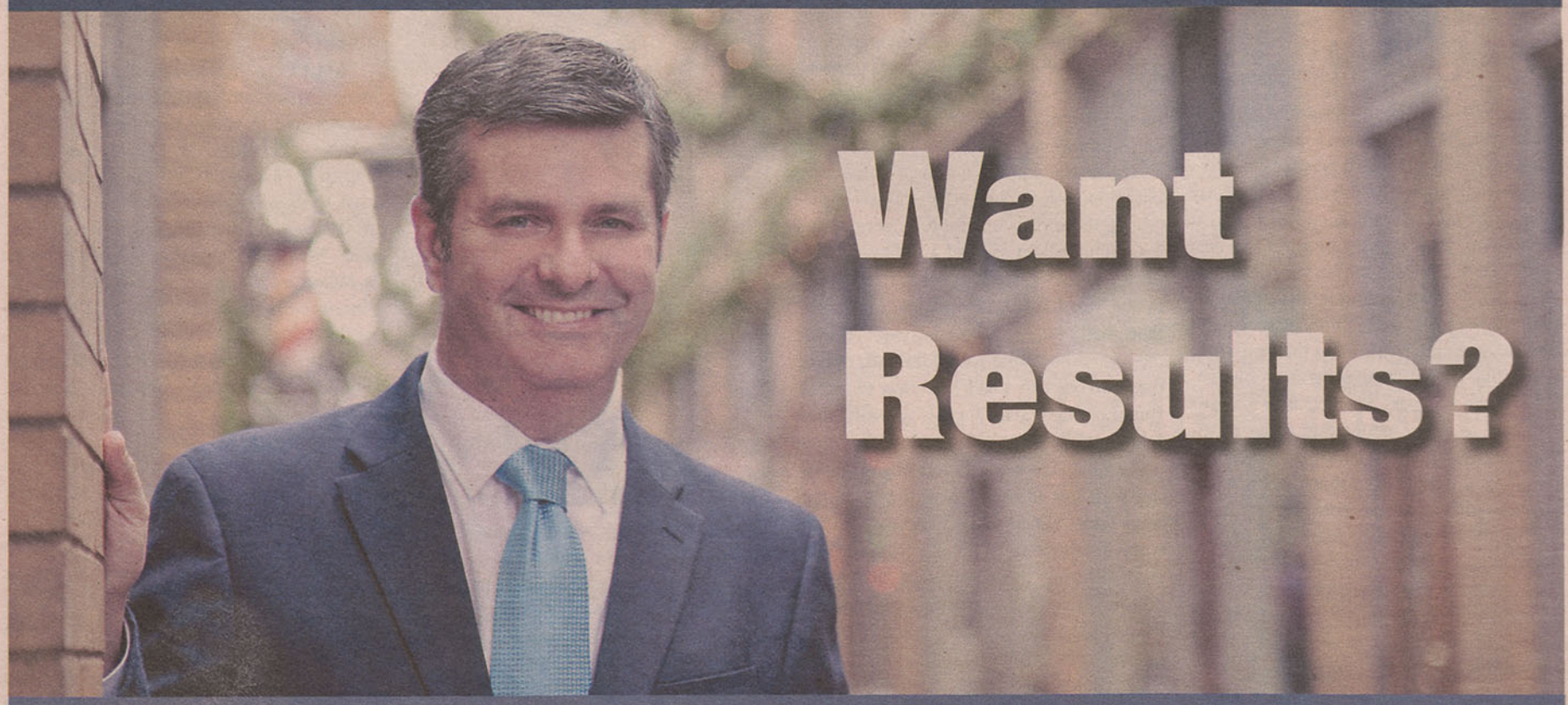

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Who'll Control Council?

Factions face off on August 4.

In Wards 3, 4, and 5, Mayor Taylor is backing challengers over incumbents; in Ward 1, council's most independent thinker faces an advocate of simplified zoning. From left: Steve Kunselman and Zachary Ackerman (Ward 3); Mike Anglin and Chip Smith (Ward 5); Jack Eaton and Jaime Magiera (Ward 4); and Will Leaf and Sabra Briere (Ward 1).

by James Leonard

The eight candidates running for four seats in the city's August 4 Democratic primary don't agree on much, but they do agree elections are getting more interesting.

This one is interesting. Three of the incumbents are among the fiercest critics of the policies identified with mayor Christopher Taylor and his predecessor, John Hieftje—initiatives that range from more mass transit to tougher stormwater rules. And Taylor, Hieftje, and their council allies are breaking with precedent to publicly oppose their reelection. The fourth race pits council's most independent thinker against an advocate of radically simplified zoning.

None of the challengers has run for public office before, but all the incumbents are seasoned politicians. Then there's the generation gap: the incumbents are on average thirty years older than the challengers.

Naturally, the candidates disagree on issues like development, safety services, and affordable housing. They even disagree on whether Ann Arbor is better or worse now than when they moved here. How they answer that core question shows which direction they want the city to go.

How voters respond will determine that direction. Currently council is split between the factions, with Mayor Taylor as the tie-breaking vote. If his candidates pick up a couple of seats from his critics, they'll have a council-controlling supermajority.

His targets hope that prospect gives people pause. "I don't believe a supermajority on Council is good for the decision-making process," emails Ward 5 incumbent Mike Anglin. Ward 3 incumbent Steve Kunselman told the *Ann Arbor News* he suspects the mayor may want a freer hand to determine, among other things, what gets built over the Library Lane parking structure.

Ward 3 incumbent Steve Kunselman doesn't seem too worried about reelection. The U-M urban planner was the last candidate to put up a website, and he's taking a couple weeks off in mid-campaign to represent Ann Arbor in Tübingen, our German sister city.

Kunselman, fifty-two, was born in Chicago; his family moved here when he was two. "I was six years old in 1969, the height of the student protest movement," he remembers. Today, "Ann Arbor is much more sanitized." Is that better or worse? "It's change," Kunselman allows.

Challenger Zachary Ackerman, twenty-one, was born in California; his family moved here when he was eight. Like Kunselman, the U-M IT supervisor describes Ann Arbor as "an incredible place to grow up"—though for different reasons. "It has safe streets that are tree-lined and always beautiful." What's his view of the city now? "We're going in the right direction."

Ackerman's been volunteering on political campaigns since he was thirteen, most recently working for congresswoman Debbie Dingell, mayor Christopher Taylor, and councilmember Julie Grand. He's endorsed by both Taylor and Hieftje as well as Ward 5 challenger Chip Smith.

Asked to rank the city's top five issues, Kunselman says: "Infrastructure is number one. Public safety is very important to our community. Development, affordable housing, and transportation: it's hard to put those in an order." Like the incumbent, Ackerman says "infrastructure is number one," but ranks the rest "affordability, transportation, public safety, and development."

However it's ranked, development is surely the town's most debated issue. "I'm not anti-development," says Kunselman, who was on the planning commission from 2004 to 2008. "I'm for responsible development. My vote is somewhere on every new building in town." The only buildings he recalls opposing were two student high-rises, the Landmark and the Foundry Lofts at 413 E. Huron.

"I like good development that adds to our tax base and makes basic services better," says Ackerman. "I don't like development that's ugly and ruins people's quality of life." He says he'd have voted for 413 E. Huron because "it's dangerous to risk $10 million of taxpayer money on a lawsuit [by the developer] that the city attorney says we can't win." That said, he calls the site's zoning "an oversight," and says, "we need better buffers between our downtown core and the historic neighbors immediately adjacent."

Kunselman "would like to increase our public safety services." He says he "would like to have downtown beat cops [because] until we do we're going to see quality-of-life issues." Ackerman doesn't see the need. "We spend over 50 percent of our general fund budget on public safety. That's sufficient [with] crime rates at historic lows."

Both favor more affordable housing. "I concentrate on low-income housing,"

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Kunselman says. "I'm proud to lead the charge against politicians unwilling to welcome that in their neighborhoods." Ackerman agrees. "We need to do a better job of embracing people of every income level. We should have affordable and workforce housing everywhere."

Ackerman says folks should pick him because "I will be open and responsive to everyone. There is a courtesy that must be extended to every other human: dignity and respect." He doesn't see that coming from his opponent. "He's abrasive. He's not willing to work collaboratively. Everything is a fight."

Kunselman says folks should return him because he has "a very lengthy record of success in transportation, development, and public safety. If people don't want to vote for me because they don't like me as a person, I can't change that. I've been serving them with honesty and transparency, and I haven't changed. I'm still the same politician."

"If people don't want to vote for me because they don't like me as a person, I can't change that," says Steve Kunsleman. "I've been serving them with honesty and transparency, and I haven't changed."

Ward 5 incumbent Mike Anglin, seventy-one, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to Ann Arbor in 1992. "My view from the beginning was very positive," says the bed-and-breakfast owner. Is it better or worse now? "It's changing," he says. He doesn't share his own view on whether that's good or bad, except to say that he thinks that age is a "huge factor" in how people respond to the changes.

Born in Cincinnati, Ward 5 challenger Chip Smith, forty-five, arrived here in 1995. He says he "instantly fell in love with [his] Water Hill neighborhood," though "downtown was still pretty dead. Nobody I knew lived downtown." The urban planner likes it better now. "I miss the things like the Del Rio. But what we've gained has made our community a better place."

Asked to rank the issues facing the city, Anglin replies, "You need development in order to pay for your infrastructure. You can't keep wanting services and adding taxes." But, like Kunselman, he voted against 413 E. Huron. "It is not a benefit to have buildings that are that tall and massive," he says. "I was not at all concerned about a lawsuit. We would have won." At the Ann Arbor Democratic Party debate, he added that "people like the town not because of tall buildings downtown but because of the parks. My job is: what can I do for the people?"

At the debate, Smith said Anglin's comments reflect a "culture wars" mindset that pits "development versus neighborhoods," a split he rejects. "We should have more people living downtown," he says. Like Ackerman, he'd have voted for 413 E. Huron. "We gave somebody the right to build [when the site was zoned], and to arbitrarily take it away is unfair."

Asked if the city needs more safety services, Anglin replies, "A good community automatically brings safety with it," then rambles into a discussion of the city's leaky water pipes. Asked again later, he says that he suspects Ann Arbor's white-collar demographic is likely to be more supportive of safety services, and thus should experience less crime—but he nonetheless thinks "we do need more safety services."

"I have a different point of view," says Smith. "With the U-M department of public safety there's been a net gain in public safety over the last twenty years. When I talk about public safety, [I talk about] how do we make our streets safer. My biggest fear in the whole world is my kids are gonna get hit by a car."

Anglin believes the city needs more affordable housing. "We need more quad [four-unit] housing. Bankers in the community care enough to sponsor some of that. But I want a dollar sign. I don't want to keep talking 'cause that to me is nonsense."

"This isn't an affordable place to live," Smith agrees. "People don't come here because of the way the downtown looks. They come here because of the people. As we become more unaffordable [and] lose artists, musicians, and tradespeople, we lose the culture of who we are. If all we're going to do is talk about basic services, then our aspiration is to be Sterling Heights." He says he'd encourage both more affordable housing and more "maker spaces" for artists, including looking at the former city garages as a future "art/cultural space."

Smith says voters should choose him because "I will bring to the job professionalism, someone [who is] pragmatic and practical, who says, 'Let's solve some problems and do things.' " That's the same attitude as Hieftje, Taylor, and Ackerman—and likely why they're endorsing Smith.

Anglin says folks should reelect him because "I have always voted what I have in my literature every single time." He then returns to an earlier topic. "Economic development is neighborhood development, OK? So Plymouth can develop more, and it's already developing kind of nicely, but it doesn't have the right housing yet."

Born in Saginaw, Ward 4 incumbent Jack Eaton moved here in 1985. Back then, the town "still had that funkiness to it" and was "more of a small Midwestern town with that veneer of great culture," says the sixty-three-year-old labor lawyer. Thirty years later, Eaton says, the town is "heading in the wrong direction."

Challenger Jaime Magiera, forty-one, was born in downriver Detroit and moved

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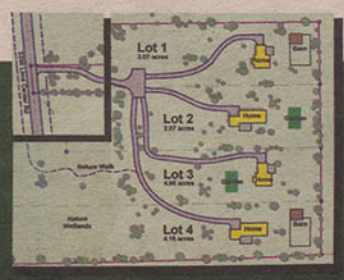

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here in 1990. "Ann Arbor was filled with a lot of countercultural elements" then, the U-M tech support person recalls. "Is it as good [now]? Some things have gotten better. Some things are not as good."

Eaton says his first priority is "safety services, followed by infrastructure, affordable housing, transportation, and development." He's pro-development "because I want to attract high-quality development." But he says that had he been on council when 413 E. Huron came up for approval two years ago, he would've voted against it.

Magiera says "infrastructure is our top priority [followed by] transportation, development, affordable housing, and public safety. I am not anti-development, but I hesitate to say pro-development. There's an assumption you're either for all development or against all development."

Like fellow challengers Ackerman and Smith, he says he "would've voted for [413 E. Huron] because it fit into everything that we had laid out for development. Voting against it is very dangerous, to risk taxpayer money." That echoes the view of Taylor, Hieftje, and councilmembers Julie Grand, Graydon Krapohl, Chuck Warpehoski, and Kirk Westphal—all of whom have endorsed Magiera.

While affordable housing means low-income housing to Kunselman, to Eaton it means "protecting neighborhoods so people who have lived here thirty years and paid off their mortgage can afford [to stay in] their house." Asked how he'd do that, the incumbent replies "we're going to have to keep an eye on our taxes"—keeping in mind not just the millage, but the high property values they're multiplied by.

Magiera agrees affordable housing should include "residents on the older end of the age spectrum," but says workforce housing is also important: "We've got people providing services that can't afford to actually live in the city. That's not fair, and it's not healthy."

"If you vote for me, you have a known quantity," says Sabra Briere, "someone whose core values—affordable housing and human services and transportation and development—are well known."

At the Democratic Party debate, Eaton questioned the city's handling of the ward's storm-water issues, arguing that "residents know better than experts" what needs to happen. Magiera responds that continuing to put stormwater into the sanitary sewers, as Eaton advocates, is neither "fiscally responsible [nor] environmentally sustainable."

Eaton's top priority remains public safety staffing. At the debate, he and Magiera tangled over whether the city needs to meet standards created by a firefighter-dominated trade group (Eaton saying yes, Magiera no). And he'd like to expand the police force to provide "more traffic enforcement, police in the schools, [and] beat cops downtown."

Magiera doesn't see the need. "Since the Nineties, [there's been] a continual decrease of crime." Instead of more cops, the challenger says "we want to have the right tools: video cameras and whatnot. Things like that can improve the quality of the service."

Magiera says voters should choose him because "Jack has not represented the city as a whole sometimes. For example, [in his criticism of] the footing drain disconnect program. I don't think that that should be the sole focus of a councilmember's attention. It seems like he wants the issue to keep going. That doesn't serve the city."

Eaton says he should be returned because "people who appreciate what I've tried to do will think I deserve another two years."

Ward 1 incumbent Sabra Briere, sixty-four, was born in Nevada, raised in Indiana, and moved to Ann Arbor in 1973. She found a town where "I couldn't buy a book in downtown" and "there were only two places to go out to eat." On the other hand, "you could buy all the clothes for your whole family on Main St." These days, she says, "Ann Arbor is different, and that difference isn't bad."

Challenger Will Leaf founded the Mixed Use Party in 2013. He ran two independent candidates on a platform of radically simplified zoning, only to see them swept aside by November's Democratic tidal wave. He's running now as a Democrat because "there's a better chance of getting elected."

Leaf was born in California and was two when his family moved here; he's now twenty-one. "I like [the town now] at least as much as I did then," he says. "If you like a small-town feel, then the new buildings downtown are bad things. If you like the concentration of people and businesses [and] the different artistic events that supports, then it's probably a good thing."

Briere's voting record shows her to be the most independent member of council, as does her ranking of city issues. "Development and infrastructure are tied for one, then transportation, then public safety, and public housing. But you can't prioritize these things. They're completely enmeshed.

"What got me onto council was development," the retiree continues. "I'm pro-development in that I want a full spectrum of choices." Like her fellow incumbents, Briere voted against approving 413 E. Huron, "because it didn't follow the master plan."

Leaf, a U-M grad who sells his own mineral sunscreen online for a living, says that "council created the problem [of a high-rise next to a historic neighborhood] by making zoning rules it didn't want to enforce." But once it zoned the site, he says, the city "shouldn't deny something that fits the standards."

Leaf says he "can't rank [the issues] because they're all so interrelated." But he's clearly pro-development: "Given the population increases because of the regional job market, it's important to allow development within Ann Arbor rather than pushing it into the townships."

Neither candidate thinks the city needs more cops, and both agree it needs more affordable housing. But while the incumbent sees more subsidized housing as the solution, the challenger would encourage private construction by relaxing zoning rules. He points to the limit on the number of unrelated people who can share a home as one such "artificial restraint."

"Sabra does a great job of listening," says Leaf. "But once council solicits input, it sometimes falters and doesn't publicly suggest solutions. I'm going to propose specific solutions."

"If you vote for me, you have a known quantity," says Briere, "someone whose core values—affordable housing and human services and transportation and development—are well known."

Who'll win is impossible to predict—but possible to handicap.

Sabra Briere hasn't faced a challenger in Ward 1 since 2007, and she came in second in last year's mayoral race. And as Eaton's record shows, few challengers beat incumbents their first time out.

Steve Kunselman's faced challengers in Ward 3 every time he's run. He lost once in 2008, never won by much, and came in third in last year's mayoral election. Zack Ackerman is young but well connected and with experience getting out the vote. Odds are Kunselman will win—but given the incumbent's laid-back campaign style, don't count Ackerman out.

Jack Eaton won in 2013 with 29 percent more of Ward 4's vote than incumbent Marcia Higgins, but her campaign was halfhearted, while Jaime Magiera is hungry. Eaton can win by hitting the doors, but Magiera had already hit them once by June and will probably do it again.

Mike Anglin's always won in Ward 5, but never by much until last November, when he ran unopposed. Even then the write-in candidates got 1,004, with Chip Smith surely getting the lion's share of that, since the other was Tom Partridge, well-known political pain in the neck. Despite a solid following, Anglin could lose if Smith gets out the vote.

Of course, all the incumbents stand a good chance of being returned simply because of name recognition. But with two popular mayors calling for change, they might not all make it. And with council's battle lines drawn more sharply than ever before, watch out for 2016.

First, however, watch out for an interesting race in November. In Ward 2, independent incumbent Jane Lumm faces Democrat Sally Petersen—a former colleague who gave up her seat to run for mayor last year. Both live on the Huron Hills Golf Course, and both have deep pockets and friends with deep pockets. It's already shaping up as the most expensive council campaign on record. ■

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TECH TOWN

Meet the surprisingly human geeks who are making Ann Arbor an online hub.

BY JAMES LEONARD

A computer guy once told me "tech geeks aren't human and don't let anybody tell you different."

It's not true. I've interviewed more than a dozen tech geeks recently and didn't meet any androids. It's true that their offices look different from earlier generations' workplaces, with prominent Ping-Pong or Foosball tables to provide a break from long hours staring at computer screens. And the people I talked to are conspicuously intelligent.

But they're also conspicuously human. Many of the young people I met are now parents themselves, whose own kids are the center of their lives. And though only one of them was born here, many of them love the town they now call home.

A TEXAN TUBIST AND HIS TECHIES

I arrive at the Maynard St. entrance to Barracuda Networks, a worldwide computer security and data storage company, just before 9 a.m. The door is locked, but a dude wearing a khaki duster and toting an empty cat carrier lets me in.

"In engineering land, this is the crack of dawn," explains Rod Mathews, Barracuda's general manager of storage and head of the Ann Arbor operation. "The first floor is support," he says, waving at a huge room where dozens of people sit in front of multiple monitors and quietly work the phones. The second floor is even quieter. "It'll be noisier in an hour," says Mathews, a big man with a shaved head and a winning smile. "The sales guys tend to be louder."

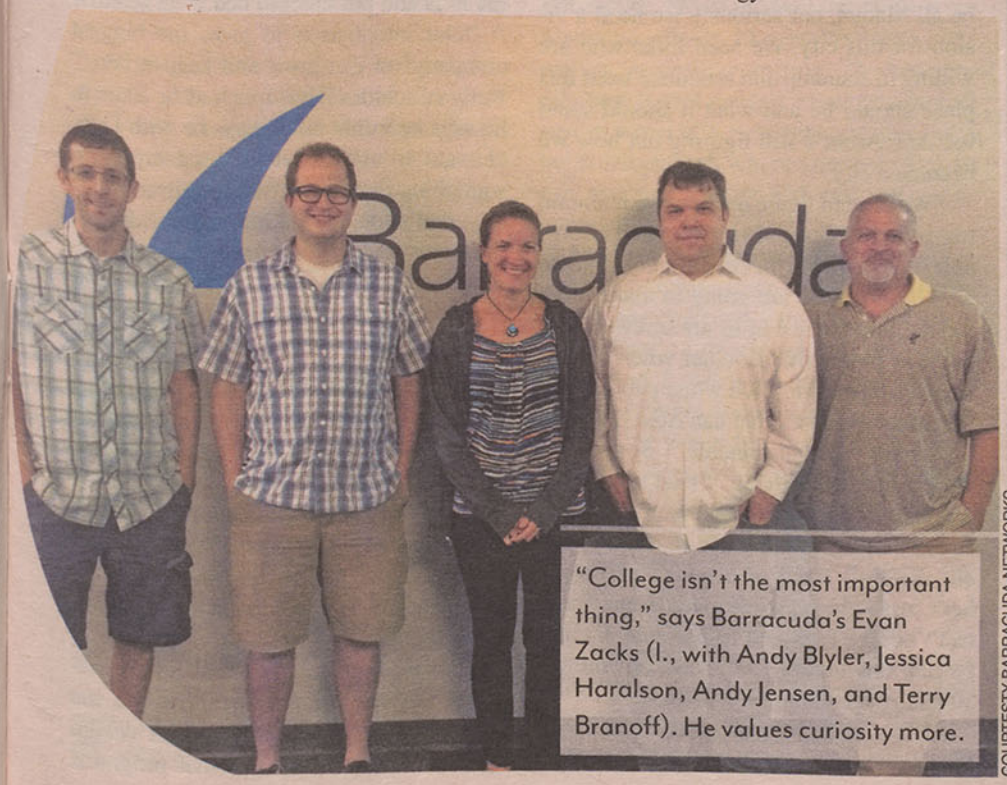
Barracuda has 1,300 people worldwide, and close to 300 of them work here. "This is our second-biggest office," Mathews says. "The fact that there's a tech community here definitely makes it more attractive."

In the basement are tables, chairs, video games, a Ping-Pong table, vending machines, and a beer keg—plus a tightly sealed room containing a data storage center. "We've got petabytes and petabytes of active data," says Mathews—a petabyte is a million gigabytes.

The folks coming to work look like a mix of geeks, goths, nerds, punks, and hipsters. Most are young, averaging around thirty, and 90 percent are male. "Women tend to stay longer and do a good job," Mathews says, "but there're not as many women in the job applicant flow."

Why the games? "In the afternoons, there's almost always somebody playing Ping-Pong and talking through a problem." Why the beer? "We want people to be social in the office, so we keep a keg in the office, and in the afternoon have at it—as long as we have people who are responsible and are of age."

Mathews grew up in Texas, then "went to Julliard in New York. I'm a musician. I play the tuba. That's what I did when I got out of school, then I went to the other thing I loved: technology."



COURTESY BARRACUDA NETWORKS

"College isn't the most important thing," says Barracuda's Evan Zacks (l., with Andy Blyler, Jessica Haralson, Andy Jensen, and Terry Branoff). He values curiosity more.

MARK BIALEK

At Duo Security, Dug Song set out to build a "Goldilocks" company—not too small and not too big. In five years it's grown to more than 100 people.

Though he lives in California with his wife and two daughters, Mathews is in town at least half the month. He clearly digs it here and has big plans. "What we want to do is make Ann Arbor the flagship for the rest of our company," he says.

A week later I'm back to meet five Barracuda folks while Mathews sits in. What's it like working for Barracuda? "It's a large extended family," says Andy Blyler, who moved to Ann Arbor from Pennsylvania after Barracuda bought the start-up where he worked.

"College isn't the most important thing," says Evan Zacks, who lives in town with his wife and two kids. "What we're looking for is how curious are they." Blyler adds that one of his star performers just graduated from high school last year.

"It's pretty fast-paced and there's an expectation that you will adapt and change," says Terry Branoff, who grew up behind Arborland and was working in California before he joined Barracuda. "That's very challenging, but it's a problem you want to have," says Andy Jensen, who came from Seattle and lives in Dexter with his wife and three daughters. Jessica Haralson, originally from the Flint area, also lives in Dexter with her husband and two daughters.

None of the folks I talk to, even Mathews, will say how long they'll be with Barracuda. "We like the team we're building, the thing we're building, and the direction we're on," says Mathews. "As long as Barracuda can be that for us, we're in good shape. But if Barracuda stops being that, we have problems."

Still, nobody has plans to leave, and everybody says they're happy. "I guarantee you I wouldn't put myself through what I'm putting myself through if I wasn't happy," says Mathews.

A SKATE PUNK AND HIS HOMIES

On Ashley just north of Huron, the entrance to Duo Security, a net security company, is as unprepossessing as Barracuda's. With bare walls and ceilings, Duo's inside is funkier than Barracuda's but definitely très post-industrial chic. There's no Ping-Pong, but the coffee bar on the second floor has a sweeping view west.

Dug Song, Duo's co-founder and CEO, is slim and wiry with a shaved head and an often quizzical smile. In 2007 Song and Trevor Staples led the campaign to build a skatepark in Ann Arbor. Though venture capitalists just invested $30 million in his company, Song looks like the skate punk he still is at heart.

Song, forty, enrolled in the Residential College at the U-M in 1993. "When I grew up I thought I'd be a philosophy major like my dad, who was a Buddhist monk." For a living his dad ran a liquor store in Baltimore and had one of the first computerized checkout systems. "I've been programming since I was eight.

"Most of what I knew about Ann Arbor before I came here was through computer networks," says Song. "I saw that Ann Arbor had the potential to do new things."

Song worked for the university as a security administrator. "I did a company called Arbor Networks, started it back in 2000 with these guys out of university, that was a big success. I was with Barracuda briefly to help those guys prepare the IPO and decided I wanted to build a company that was in the middle, like Goldilocks"—not too big, but not too small.

"The problems we have in security today affect everybody," Song says. "Used to be that only banks and hospitals needed security; they were the only ones who had anything to protect, all the money, all the

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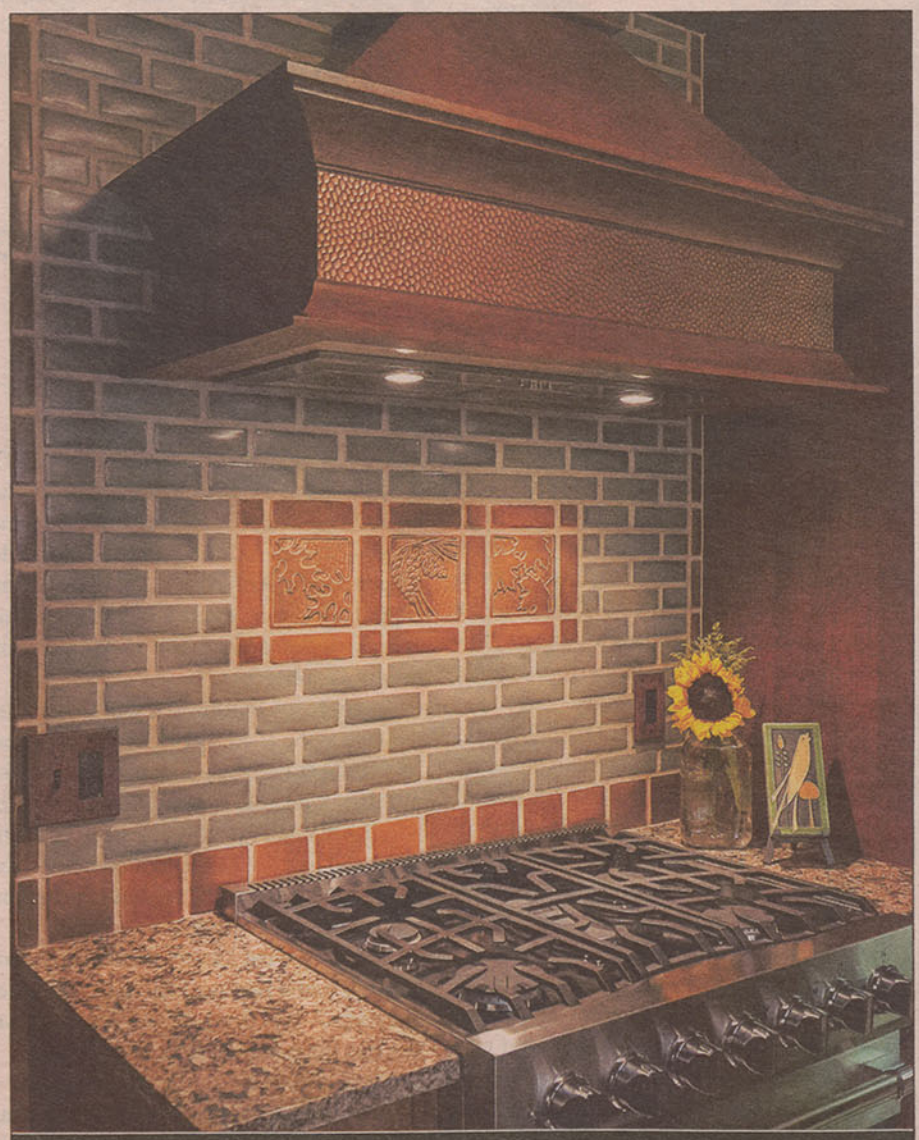

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With Jon Oberheide, Song launched Duo in January 2010. Song says Duo's growth has been "exponential. We're doing three times, four times year-to-year growth. That's when we started building the rest of the business.

"Learning is one of our cultural values in the company. How can we compete against huge companies? We're not smarter. We don't work harder. We're not better looking. The advantage we have is we outlearn our competitors."

Duo now has more than 100 folks working on Ashley. "My ultimate goal for the company is to build it here. Being next to maybe the major research university in the U.S. is good. But I love being in a town where people are trying to change the world. That's in the water here."

But neither the U-M nor the water is Song's main reason to be here. "You can build a company anywhere. I'm here because it's the best place in the world to raise kids. That's the number-one thing. Where do I want my kids to grow up, what kind of experience do I want them to have?"

punk. "The middle way," he says with a smile. "Everything in moderation. Nothing in excess."

Brian Kelly, Duo's product marketing manager, was born in Virginia in 1981. He came here from Fort Wayne as Duo's sixth employee. "My first week here," he recalls, "I'm writing the press release for our $5 million raise from Google Ventures."

Kelly says "Barracuda's focused on things like data backup and spam filtering. We sell into a similar market but are wholly focused on one product. We have a subscription-based model. Instead of selling you a box you own for life, we collect money"— $3 a user a month or $36 a year.

"Our customer base is global," he continues. "We now have an office in California, and we'll have another office in Europe this year. We have three of the five top social networks in the U.S. Tumblr, Yelp, and Facebook use Duo internally."

Despite the big playing field, Kelly says Duo has "a Midwest culture. One of our core values is 'be kinder than necessary,' helping people out and making sure if they need help to get their job done they get it. You'll get called on being shitty to someone here."

Kelly says the average age of a Duo worker is "just shy of thirty," and 70 percent are men. The pay is "good. You can live a good lifestyle here in Ann Arbor."

> "You can build a company anywhere," says Song. "I'm here because it's the best place in the world to raise kids."

Song was crucial in the skatepark project, and he's working on something equally audacious now—a new performance art space on Main St. [see sidebar]. He's also got social ambitions.

"If we can marry our economic, housing, development plan to a cultural plan, then we've got something. I don't want to be all Maoist, but seriously we need a vision for this city. We need folks who are willing to stand up and articulate what this place should be and what it should stand for. Ann Arbor's still figuring out how we become a city.

"We need to figure out how we maintain transit hubs," Song says. "We need affordable housing. We need diversity. People who have money are going to make more money, and the rest of us are screwed. You see it in places like Boulder where everything is expensive. Rich white people with Subarus—that's all that can exist there.

"That's not sustainable," Song continues, his voice rising. "That's not how serendipity and progress happens. Ann Arbor can't grow in ways that only benefit the few. I've got a bunch of people here, and we need some place to eat, and it can't be like high-end restaurants. It can't be like this luxury food court downtown. Where're the damn food trucks?"

He's starting to sound more like a philosopher than a businessman or a skate

He and his family do. "We couldn't be happier. I've got two small kids now, and it's a very walkable neighborhood" near Slauson. "I live less than a mile from downtown and have a five-minute bicycle commute. Duo is definitely more than a forty-hours-a-week commitment, but I'm able still to get home and do dinner with my kids and put them to bed.

"Our intention is to grow the biggest company we can grow and keep it here," Kelly concludes." But much as he likes it, he says he might not always be with Duo. "I want to start a business of my own, something that is relevant to this community, that's focused on Michigan. I'm here for good."

AN ARTIST OF ONLINE EXPERIENCE

Sally Carson, a petite woman with a big smile, apologizes for arriving a bit late at Mighty Good Coffee. Her bike had a flat, and she changed it. Dug Song suggested meeting Carson for three reasons: she has experience as a CEO; as a San Francisco transplant she has an outsider's view of town, and she is a woman in a field dominated by men.

Carson, born in 1978, was an art major at Virginia Commonwealth when she landed an internship with a web design agency. "There weren't formal programs

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When Sally Carson was in art school, "there weren't formal programs in web design. It was very much self-taught."

in web design. It was very much self-taught, and everyone was a generalist. My specialization became what's called user experience design, [which] represents what the customer actually needs when you're building a product. It's very much design imbued with empathy and an understanding."

After graduating, Carson moved to California and consulted in Los Angeles and San Francisco. She moved here in 2011 when her husband started grad school at the U-M. Working remotely, she teamed up with engineer Eric Jennings.

"He'd been trying to create a smart sprinkler system for his veggie garden in Reno," Carson explains. "He wanted to be able to check the soil moisture, check the web to see if it was gonna rain that night, and then water at the most efficient time. Eric became my partner, and we cofounded Pinoccio, an open-source tool kit that allows anybody to connect a physical object to the Internet wirelessly. It's a computer the size of a matchbox you attach to a robot [so] you can drive that robot from another state.

"After we raised venture capital, the team got up to about ten people. And it's still going, I've just left the company. We worked on it for about three years before I left.

"I left because they're now headed in a pretty different direction that I'm actually really excited about. It's the right direction, but it's one where they don't need high-level product design. It's becoming a much more technical company."

Carson enjoyed running her own company. "We pretty much built the all-star dream team. We had a couple people here in Ann Arbor, but we had people in Reno, St. Paul, Los Angeles, San Francisco. We had a small office space here and another one in Reno where we did order fulfillment. Other than that, it was just people working out of their home offices or cafés.

"We had decent sales," she continues. "Pay was decent. You decide your own salary, but you have to be reasonable, and it has to be sustainable.

"The hours were insane, sixty, seventy, eighty a week. You wake up in the middle of the night, you're thinking about it. You wake up first thing in the morning, you're thinking about it. If you're not totally obsessed with your company, maybe you're not pursuing the right problem."

After a while "decompressing, just bumming around town," Carson went back to work for Dug Song. She's now the product design manager at Duo Security.

So what it's like to be a woman in the tech field? "It's fairly rare," she replies. "I'd like to change that. I feel like the best thing that I can do is just be a very visible leader in the tech industry. I'm personally invested in the careers of the young women that I've taught. I want to see them succeed.

"It's really important to have diverse teams, not only in gender but in socioeconomic backgrounds, different ages," she continues. "The tech industry is building products for the rest of humanity to use. If it's not representative of the population that's gonna be using those products, it's not gonna be empathetic in the way that it needs to be."

Carson describes the Ann Arbor tech community as "extremely well educated, which is really interesting. The cohort of technologists that I came up with were self-taught. Many of them did come from academia—fields like psychology, journalism, or creative writing. The community here is vast enough where you do feel you're a part of a rich, robust community, but small enough where you feel like you can make an impact and you can get to know everybody."

She and her husband live off Miller, and she gets downtown every day "usually [by] riding my bike. I love that it's walkable. There's a decent selection of restaurants. And I can work from anywhere I have an Internet connection."

But that's only for now. After her husband graduates in two years "we're hoping to wind up back on the West Coast. He's from Oregon."

Like many tech folks, Carson describes herself as introverted. But a social goal drives her technical work: she says her ultimate career goal is "humanizing technology, making sure that it's solving real human needs, real human problems." ■

A CULTURAL BANK?

"When they were trying to build a new library, one point a lot of people got hung up on was that they wanted a 400-seat auditorium in there," says Pete Baker, creative director of Duo Security. "Half the town was saying, 'Why do you need this?' The other half was saying, 'We need five of these!' "

Baker and his boss, Duo CEO Dug Song, were in that second half. "I met Pete originally because he's organizing all these events," says Song. They were "group shows out at warehouses on Airport Blvd.," Baker explains. "A lot of arts and music, video stuff. They were drawing five or six hundred people on any given night."

Now Baker and Song want to create a permanent scene for those types of big arts events. Baker says they considered the old Maple Village Kmart, but decided "for this to really be successful as a cultural hub, it's gotta be downtown. We stumbled across space in the Chase bank building" on Main. "Their [former] home mortgage brokerage office there is this cavernous space divided in thirds. The front third is a perfect visual arts space, and the back two-thirds is this easily constructible space for a stage [or] seating.

"Part of what's so interesting about that space is that block is dead otherwise," Baker adds. "After 4:30 there isn't even anyone in those buildings. Surrounding the space, it's entirely offices, then an alley with a parking garage behind it. It's well shielded, so hopefully noise complaints wouldn't be an issue."

"The hope is that we establish a space in which we can inspire each other," says Song, "a space to see things that change your thinking or expose you to different ideas."

Song says there's financial support for the project. "The real question is can we pull together enough folks in the community to help with the programming [and] the agenda? Can we build an organization around this? If we find the right executive director, someone who can lead this ..."

"I don't think either one of us has the capacity or the inclination" to run an arts space, Baker says. "We're far more interested in making the things happen than running the organization. I don't want a total top-down approach. I want the people who will be programming and attending and participating to be the driving force of what happens."

What's the timeline? "If it is gonna happen at the bank, I imagine the negotiating will take six months," says Baker. "If we could have the first event there at the beginning of next year, I would be ecstatic."

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A RIDE IN A VANPOOL

Where the daily commute is like a family road trip

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

"Riders become closer," says driver Alan Hunt (second from right, with Kinnothan Nelson, Khia Moseley , and Kierstin Fiscus). "Most of us who join don't know anyone on the vanpool" at first. Now Hunt even knows Moseley's mother—who, for her own reasons, calls him Melvin Jackson.

It sounds like the start of a joke: "An engineer, a nurse's aide, and an IT guy enter a minivan …" In fact, it's a partial passenger list for the U-M's "Detroit One" vanpool. The white, three-row Chrysler left a park-and-ride lot near I-96 in Redford Twp. around 7:10 this morning. When I join them as they approach Ann Arbor, the riders are discussing what's for dinner, giving each other advice, telling childhood stories about making mud pies, and making jokes about their email addresses.

Deer cross the road on North Campus near Elvira Rivera's stop—she's a grad program coordinator at the engineering school. As we approach the medical campus, Khia Moseley, a patient care assistant at Mott Children's Hospital, notices a car in the distance. "Look, they're having trouble parking," she says.

This sparks a conversation about why these strangers joined forces for their workday commute.

Parking on campus is "terrible," says Kierstin Fiscus, an administrative assistant at the med school. "And gas! If I were in my own car it would be $70 a week for gas at least!"

Vanpoolers pay a monthly fee of $25 and share gas costs—together, it totals about $65. That saves riders like Fiscus more than $3,000 a year on gas alone. The van itself is subsidized by parking permit sales. With more than 100 vanpools—a record number—the U-M is spared having to park 500–600 cars, enough to fill a large structure.

Vanpoolers don't just save money—they also avoid the campus parking insanity by dropping riders off at their workplaces. "Even with the cheap parking which is only $7 a month you still have to park in Timbuktu and take a bus," says Fiscus. The van itself has a guaranteed parking spot on South Campus: driver Alan Hunt, a mechanical engineer, works at the architecture, engineering, and construction office on Hoover. (The IT guy, Kinnothan Nelson, isn't riding today.)

The shared rides are especially popular for employees with long commutes—other vans come from Toledo, Flint, and Shelby Township. The medical campus is by far the most popular destination: the bulletin board outside the main hospital cafeteria is papered with flyers seeking riders to and from Fenton, Dundee, Milan, Monroe, Farmington Hills, Novi, and more. The earliest vans leave at 5 a.m. to get to work at 5:45.

The vans transform a lonely commute into a more social one. "My favorite things about the vanpool are equally important," says Fiscus. "They are number one and number one: the amount of money it saves and the camaraderie it gives."

"Riders become closer," Hunt agrees. "Most of us who join don't know anyone on the vanpool" at first. Now, he even knows Moseley's mother—who calls him Melvin Jackson because, she told him, he just looks like his name should be Melvin Jackson.

The jokes start as soon as I board the van. "I'm Kierstin, K-I-E-R-S-T-I-N," Fiscus says when she introduces herself. "And, that's Al." Then, with a smirk, she adds "A-L." Laughter erupts from the other seats.

They act like friends on a road trip. It's like a flashback to the old days on the school bus with new friends all over again. Riders in other vans have even found new crushes.

"We've had a couple of marriages and now babies, which I think is pretty cool," says Lindsey Lossing, the U-M's former alternative transportation coordinator.

A lot of the bonding in Detroit One is over TV shows, even when the riders aren't in the van. A group text message, intended to coordinate schedules, is used for much more. "Pretty much no topic is off limits," says Fiscus. "We have favorite shows that we all watch and text back and forth at night."

"It may be the Friday after watching *Scandal.* Everyone's talking about *Scandal,*" laughs Hunt—even if they don't watch the show themselves.

Once the text tones come rolling in, "I'm like 'Oh, *Scandal,*' " says Moseley.

Sometimes, Detroit One rides quietly. "In the wintertime it's dark when you leave and dark when you come back, so you get into sleepy mode when you get in that nice warm van," says Hunt. "You can snuggle up and enjoy the ride." Other times, riders may work, read the paper, or play games on their smartphones.

Things get lively again on special occasions. On Hunt's birthday a while back, the other riders got him "vanpool cookies."

Not all vanpoolers get along so well. Like members of a real family on a road trip, riders may need to avoid conversations about politics, or disagree about shared trunk space or the thermostat. Another potential source of disagreement is headed off in advance: "One of the rules of the vanpools is the driver has control of the radio," Hunt says.

As for backseat driving, there's "not too much unless it's wintertime, because some people may drive a little fast," says Hunt. "You can see people tensing up like 'ooh' if you come too close to the back of a car, but for the most part people aren't too vocal."

Though two others also take turns behind the wheel, Hunt is Detroit One's primary driver. Drivers "just volunteer," says Lossing. After the former primary driver left, "it just moved on to me," Hunt says. "I used to just fill in once a month."

While Detroit One's riders love their van, they wish there were more flexibility in the vanpool service. The university will pay for six emergency cab rides a year to, for example, a doctor's office or a child's school, but "those can go quickly," Moseley says. And vanpoolers can't get campus parking permits, which makes it hard to drive separately.

Downsides like this mean that ridership is dynamic. "Whenever gas prices go up, interest in the vanpool program goes up," says Lossing. "When they go down, interest goes down."

Life and work changes also affect ridership. Patrice Brown reluctantly left Detroit One recently when she took a job in the city, and Rivera will soon leave because her daughter will start kindergarten.

At the end of the day, Detroit One repeats its morning route in reverse. Because it's Friday, the van will pick up Rivera, the first off in the morning and last on in the evening, around 5 p.m., about fifteen minutes earlier than the other days of the week. Then it's back to the park-and-ride lot in Redford, and onward to the weekend. ■

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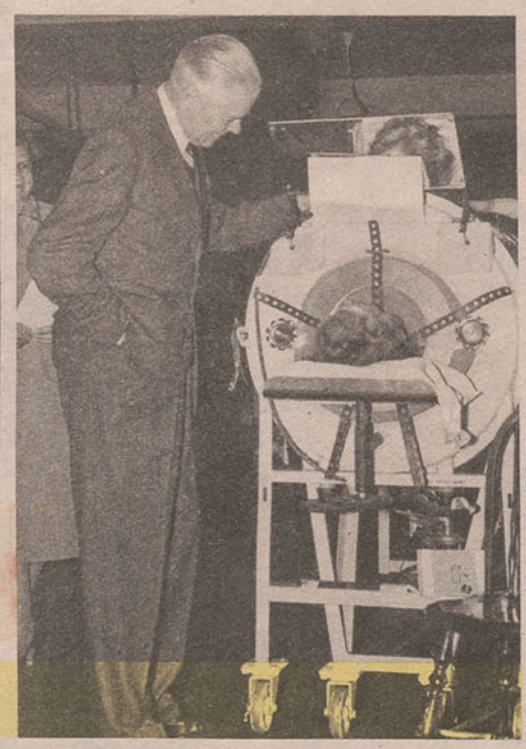

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When Polio Stalked Ann Arbor

Living in fear of death & iron lungs

by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds

Ginger Visel Ford, sixty-nine, can remember being an energetic four-year-old, playing tag with her brother Charlie at her heels. Just as he tagged her, she ducked under sheets hanging on a clothesline. Winded and laughing, the children sprawled on sweet-smelling grass, listening to their mother sing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning."

"My internal stopwatch freezes this moment like a scene in a movie," she says. "I was the happiest girl on the planet. If only every day could bring such simple pleasures. But life had other plans."

On a gray November day a few months later, Ginger woke with a raging fever, sore throat, and stiff neck. She spent a miserable day huddled by the Kalamazoo woodstove in her family's home on the outskirts of Dexter. By nightfall, she was delirious and shivering with chills, calling repeatedly for water.

The next day, she could barely raise her head, and she screamed if anyone touched her. Frantic, her parents called the local doctor, who came out, took Ginger's temperature (104), and examined her ears, eyes, nose, throat, and lethargic limbs. The diagnosis: "Just a bad cold and the flu." He prescribed bed rest, aspirin, and liquids.

When the child's grandmother visited, she offered Ginger a dollar if she would raise her leg. She couldn't.

"We need to get her to the hospital," her father announced.

"In 1950, hospitals were a last and rare resort," Ford says. "Bundling me into a blanket, Dad carried me to the car and deposited me into Mom's waiting arms. He rushed us to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital."

At the emergency entrance, a medical attendant asked about Ginger's symptoms. He said bluntly, "I'm sorry, sir. I don't believe our facility can help your daughter. A contagious disease is on a rampage." He directed the family to the U-M medical isolation building, a former laundry where patients were quarantined.

Top center: the U-M medical isolation building, where four-year-old Ginger Visel was quarantined. Top right: U-M president Harlan Hatcher visits a patient in an "iron lung" respirator. Top left: on vacation with her mother, Ginger walked with a cane and leg braces.

When Ginger awoke there, she saw an elderly doctor, masked and dressed in white, holding a terrifying needle. "Turn her on her side and hold her still," he ordered the nurse. "Years later, I realized the importance of that spinal tap," Ford says. "It would determine whether I was infected with polio."

At the emergency entrance, a medical attendant said bluntly, "I'm sorry, sir. I don't believe our facility can help your daughter. A contagious disease is on a rampage."

She was.

Poliomyelitis had victimized children, terrified parents, and perplexed scientists for thousands of years. According to a 2009 PBS documentary, when Ginger fell sick, "infantile paralysis" was Americans' second-greatest fear after nuclear war. By early in the twentieth century doctors had learned polio was a virus contracted orally from contaminated saliva, food, or water. But in 1950, there was no vaccine, no cure, and only primitive treatments for its symptoms.

The family doctor's misdiagnosis was common: first symptoms resembled the flu. Lucky patients never experienced anything more, but in cases like Ginger's, the virus infiltrated the nervous system. In the spinal cord, "paralytic" polio caused severe headaches, stiff neck, and rapid paralysis as the virus rapidly killed the nerves connecting the spinal column to the muscles. If the infection reached the brain, "bulbar" polio paralyzed the muscles used in breathing and swallowing, dooming victims to life in iron lungs.

Terrifying polio epidemics struck repeatedly during the first half of the twentieth century. In 1941, a U-M postgrad named Jonas Salk began studying virology under Dr. Thomas Francis, who played a key role in developing the first flu vaccine. In 1947, Salk took a position at the University of Pittsburgh medical school. With funding from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis—now the March of Dimes—he set to work developing a vaccine for polio.

In 1952, two years after Ginger fell ill, the United States suffered its worst epidemic to date. Of 58,000 cases, 3,145 people died, while 21,269 were left with mild to debilitating paralysis. That same year, Salk performed the first human tests of his vaccine. Its success led to a national trial that inoculated 1.8 million schoolchildren.

The U-M's Dr. Francis oversaw the trial. On April 12, 1955—the tenth anniversary of the death of America's most famous polio patient, president Franklin Roosevelt—Francis announced, "The vaccine works. It is safe, effective, and potent."

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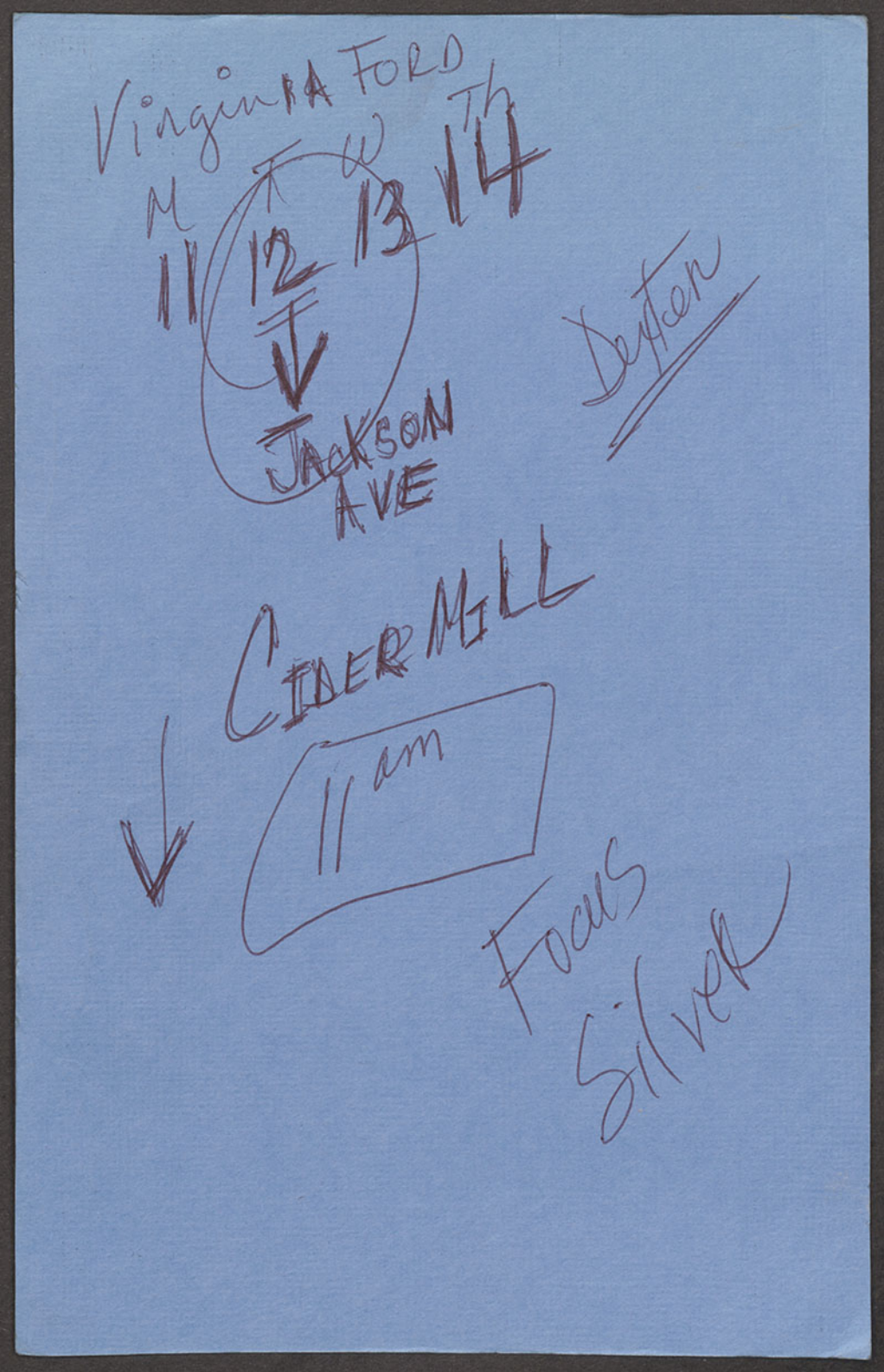
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FROM THE CHAIR

Bruce Sachs, Chairman
SUMMER 2015

As mentioned in my Spring column we are working with the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) with plans to have polio/post-polio input in their fall curriculum. Medical students are required to complete a Capstone Project, which is a long range project. It is equivalent to completing a Doctoral thesis and will be critical to their academic grading.

One of the students has chosen polio/post-polio as her project. She has attended a Southeast Michigan Post-Polio Support Group meeting to meet polio survivors, and has shared the following project details. She has chosen to do an anonymous research survey of many polio survivors. The brief survey will be primarily multiple choice and will solicit observations and experiences from the survivor's personal lives as to the effects of polio and post-polio.

Polio survivors who are asked to participate in this project, spending just a few minutes completing the brief survey, will be selected at random from names and addresses on file with the Michigan Polio Network. We urge all of you to watch your mail later this year for the survey and to take this opportunity to help increase awareness of post-polio among new doctors. We will be publishing more details as they become available. Even though we are looking forward to working with OUWB as a new initiative, we will also continue our traditional support of our members, publishing the Perspectives, maintaining the library, and providing current information on our web site.

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Be safe. *Bruce*

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FUTURE of the NETWORK

Looking back at the history of the network, 10 years ago we were providing 2 day post-polio conferences that were well attended. With our membership declining and the inability of many of our members to attend conferences, we have made some decisions that will continue to provide information to our members. Although we will no longer be providing conferences, we will continue publishing the Perspectives, keep the library up to date, and provide current information on our web site. We are also moving in a new direction with our work with the Oakland University Medical School. Presently the plan is that we will have some input in their curriculum starting in the Fall of 2015. One of the students has chosen polio as her long range project. We are also in discussions with Oakland University concerning the placement of our polio library materials in their library system. We are in the early stages of this project, with many details to be considered.

Although our numbers are declining we continue to provide help for our members.

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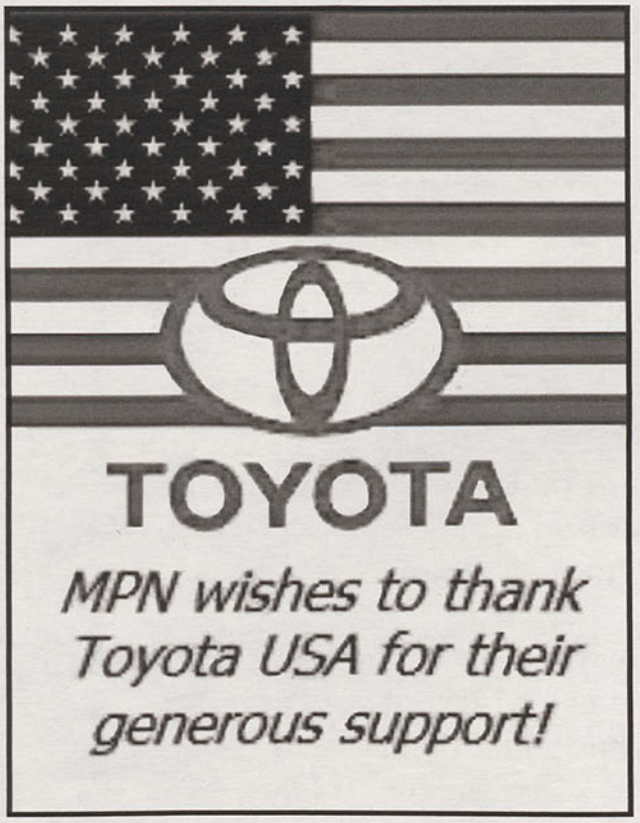

For the Linguists Among Us...

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world: Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese, was the clear winner.

His final challenge was this: Some say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISH. Please explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Here is his astute answer: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"
His answer was received with a standing ovation lasting over 5 minutes.

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Greetings, Readers!
Happy Summer to your all!
The MPN Library has recently acquired a set of the Ken Burns documentary called "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History." This is in DVD format, and we were so happy when the price of this excellent series dropped into reasonable price territory. This seven part, fourteen-hour documentary tells of the lives of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U.S. President, his niece Eleanor, and his fifth cousin, Franklin, whom Eleanor married, as we all know. In another Ken Burns documentary, these figures are brought back to life for us, with the help of the voices of Meryl Streep, Paul Giamatti, and the late Edward Hermann. A reviewer for the Los Angeles Times opined that this is another masterful work by the man who revolutionized the documentary. If you would like to borrow the set to find out if you agree, please phone me(248-853-5465 works if the MPN number is still out of action) or send an e-mail to me at denilaur@sbcglobal.net.
To reiterate the news about our phone troubles, whether the Teleblend connection is working or not, the Casa Barbour home phone number will still get you through, and you can leave a message on the voicemail thingy, as well. That may be the more practical way of getting in touch to request a book or a DVD, but please don't forget to leave the pertinent details!!
Last item of business....as almost always. If you have heard or read about a new (or old) book or DVD on any subject related to Polio or Post-Polio Syndrome, and you think that it might be worthwhile to add to the Library, please let me know. Likewise, if you would like to borrow any of the MPN materials (see the list on the website at www.michiganpolionetwork.com), a call or an e-mail to either of the ways to contact me which appear above will get the ball rolling!
Enjoy this lovely—though too wet in places and too dry in others—Summer, won't you?
'Bye for now,

ATTITUDE

By Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.
Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than success, than what other people think or say or do.
It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill.
It will make or break a company...a church... a home.
The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.
I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.
And so it is with you...we are in charge of our Attitudes.

Reflections on Living with Polio

by Warren Peascoe

While talking after dinner at the Polio Health International conference, one of my companions commented that I had said something that resonated with her. My first thought was that I might need a graceful way to extract my foot from my mouth. After some discussion we realized that it had been about the phrase polio survivor. In an earlier session, someone mentioned that he didn't like the term polio survivor. I suddenly had a wonderful "AH HA moment". I knew a better term for survivor and I had proceeded to tell them about it. My foot and mouth were safe!

Then she asked me where it came from. I thought about that all night and came up with three things that all came together. Of course I realized that I might be wrong and I could've have heard it elsewhere. I had just finished The Man He Became a book about FDR. The author claimed that polio played a major part in FDR becoming president. Because of the paralysis, FDR had to learn new methods to do even the simplest daily tasks. Basic things were now major obstacles which he had to fight through both emotionally and physically. This is something all polio survivors learn to do. This experience of having to attack a problem without any idea of the answer is what gave Roosevelt the confidence to try new programs to get the nation out of the depression.

Sunday night Dr. Maynard led the group in sharing positive polio experiences. I realized then what a marvelous group of people had gathered at the conference.

One chapter in a church book study was about not just living but thriving. Thrive has such wonderful connotations. When we thrive, we flourish, we broaden, we grow. One component of thriving is also helping others to thrive.

Now when someone says that I am a polio survivor, I will correct them and say, "I am not a polio survivor. I am a Polio Thriver". I find thinking of myself as thriver is much more empowering than thinking of myself as a survivor.

After we were home a few weeks, my wife mentioned that her Dragon Boat team members who had breast cancer referred to themselves as thrivers. We had also bought a book entitled "Thriving Through It - How they do it" by Joyce Ann Tepley. Obviously thriver did not originate with me.

I think everyone who has endured the effects of polio can be proud to call themselves a "Polio Thriver".

KNEE REPLACEMENT

by *Nick Polanski*

I have polio in my left leg since 1951. For the last five years have been looking for a doctor that has knowledge of doing a knee replacement on a polio person. I had checked with several polio groups in state as well as out of state. Asked the national group in St. Louis only to be told we have no knowledge or recommendations to tell me. I could not be the only person in the USA with polio that needs a knee replacement. Finally after 5 years I ran across info that led me to Doctor Brendan Patterson.

Doctor Patterson has done over 14 polio knee replacements, written many papers on the procedure, helped with the invention of the knee replacement and has such vast knowledge of polio and how it is different from a normal surgery. His secretary Emigda Gabriel has more knowledge of polio than most current doctors. I had the knee in my Polio leg replaced by Dr. Patterson and it was the best thing I ever did. I think we need to share info as polio survivors to help others. ♦♦♦

Editors note: The above 2 articles are from the Ohio Polio Network Newsletter Winter 2014 Issue

David Oshinsky Ph.D. speaks in Ann Arbor

Sunday April 12, 2015

Downtown Ann Arbor was flooded with families and people of all ages, celebrating the Festifools Party and Parade. It was Sunday April 12, 2015. My daughter Marietta and I rolled our way through the crowd to the Ann Arbor District Library. About 100 people swarmed in to hear David Oshinsky.

On this date, in 1955 at the Rackham School of Graduate Studies, here on the campus of the University of Michigan, virologist Thomas Francis, Jr., announced the results of a poliomyelitis vaccine field trial on 1.8 million children. "The vaccine works. It is safe, effective and potent." This declaration recorded the astounding effort of an almost $8 million campaign by Basil O'Connor and the March of Dimes to triumph over polio. Oshinsky's talk entitled, "Polio: A Look Back At America's Most Successful Public Health Crusade," commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Salk vaccine announcement.

Honored to be in the audience with Marietta, six members from our Ann Arbor Post Polio Group and five other polio survivors, I could hardly wait to hear our speaker. Once introduced, he moved the podium aside and stepped comfortably over to his audience with microphone in hand. For the next hour I was captured by all he had to say, even though I had read his Pulitzer Prize award winning book, Polio, An American Story, when it came out in 2005 and reviewed it again before attending. Being only four-and-a-half when I contracted paralytic polio in 1950, I had no understanding of the social context. He provided the backdrop, life after the Great Depression and World War II, how higher sanitation conditions weakened immunity and resulted in polio epidemics in the western world, particularly the U.S.A. and Canada. He related interesting facts about F.D.R., a president with polio, and his involvement in forming The March of Dimes. Most important of all, he unfolded the quest for a polio vaccine.

Oshinsky brought Infantile Paralysis down to a personal level when he shared how his mother made him do a series of exercises (like touching his toes) every morning to prove to her he had made it through the night without any weakness. He told how hard it was to go to school one day to find the empty desk of a classmate who had died of polio. I found it riveting. Afterwards, I thanked him for his work and shared how much it educated me about the historical context of my childhood. As we rolled back to the car I thought to myself: How sweet it is to see throngs of people celebrating life on this beautiful spring day without fear of the great stalker, polio. How great it is my grown children and the rest of my family won't have to contend with this disease. It doesn't get any more personal.

David Oshinsky, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Medical Humanities, NYU School of Medicine, Professor of History, NYU, and Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Polio An American Story".

Submitted by : Virginia (Ginger) Ford

Thank you Ann Arbor District Library for hosting this wonderful event. Sincerely Virginia M. Ford

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Sincerely,
[Your name]

Note:
Please see p. 8.

September 26, 2015

Dear Debbie,

Enclosed please find the quarterly publication for the Michigan Polio Network, Inc. called "Polio Perspectives". I wrote an article to share about Dr. Oshinsky's visit on Sunday, April 12, 2015 to the Ann Arbor District Library.

His talk was entitled "Polio: A Look Back at America's Most Successful Public Health Crusade. His book: ~~Polio: An American Story~~ won the Pulitzer Prize.

It was a privilege to hear him speak and to meet the man who helped inform my memoir ~~Steadfast: A memoir of Faith, Family and Polio~~. Please note, I'm working hard on it.

Sincerely, Virginia M. Ford

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Michigan Polio Network (MPN) is pleased to recognize the continuing generosity displayed by a non-member donor during this past fiscal period and years before it. Susan Lobsinger is the daughter of one of our long serving network members, Bonnie Levitan. Susan has made numerous personal cash donations during each of the previous several years. Susan's employer, BioLife Plasma Services, a division of Baxter Healthcare Corp., has a matching funds program and therefore has matched Susan's generosity dollar for dollar. Even more than that, Susan has participated in a volunteer program sponsored by her employer who pledges a certain amount of dollars for each volunteer hour that she works. Susan has directed that those dollars be sent to MPN. And finally, Susan's employer also sponsors a charitable used book sale program in which Susan has participated, and she has also directed those proceeds be sent to MPN.

MPN wishes to extend to Susan Lobsinger our sincere appreciation for all that you do on our behalf.

Quality Of Life Study

[Health related quality of life in Turkish polio survivors: impact of post-polio on the health related quality of life in terms of functional status, severity of pain, fatigue, and social, and emotional functioning].

OBJECTIVE:
To determine the impact of postpolio-syndrome on quality of life in polio survivors.
METHODS:
Forty polio survivors were included in the study. Twenty-one patients fulfilling the Halstead's postpolio-syndrome criteria participated in postpolio-syndrome group. The remaining nineteen patients formed non-postpolio-syndrome group. Control group was composed of forty healthy subjects. Quality of life was evaluated by Nottingham Health Profile, depression by Beck Depression Scale and fatigue by Fatigue Symptom Inventory. Isometric muscle strength was measured by manual muscle testing.
RESULTS:
Total manual muscle testing score was 26.19ą13.24 (median: 29) in postpolio-syndrome group and 30.08ą8.9 (median: 32) in non-postpolio-syndrome group. Total manual muscle testing scores of non-postpolio-syndrome group were significantly higher than that of postpolio-syndrome group. Patients with postpolio-syndrome reported significantly higher levels of fatigue and reduced quality of life in terms of physical mobility, pain and energy when compared with patients without postpolio-syndrome and control group.
It was not reported a statistically significant difference in social and emotional functioning and sleep quality between postpolio-syndrome, non-postpolio -syndrome and control groups. Also it was not found any statistically significant difference in Beck Depression Scale scores among the groups.
CONCLUSIONS:
Postpolio-syndrome has a negative impact on quality of life in terms of functional status, severity of pain and energy. The identification, early recognition and rehabilitation of postpolio-syndrome patients may result in an improvement in their quality of life.

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PAINKILLER SENDING ADULTS 55+ TO THE ER

by Candy Sagon

Tramadol, a prescription painkiller thought to be less risky than other narcotic pain meds, has caused a sharp spike in emergency room visits, especially among patients 55 or older, two new government reports have found.

Tramadol is typically used for the management of moderate to severe pain, such as for after surgery and for ongoing pain from arthritis. It is the active ingredient in such brand name medications as Ultram, Ultracet, ConZip, Ryzolt and Rybix ODT.

When it was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1995, Tramadol was thought to be safer and have a lower risk of addiction than other narcotic pain relievers, with fewer gastrointestinal side effects for older adults who needed long-term pain relief.

But as the number of prescriptions soared, reaching more than 43 million in 2014, according to industry analyst IMS Health, reports of drug abuse and addiction problems also increased. Last year, Tramadol was reclassified by the Drug Enforcement Administration as a Schedule IV controlled substance, similar to Valium and Xanax.

In two reports analyzing emergency room visits involving Tramadol, the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) found that visits due to adverse reactions to the drug rose 145 percent, from about 11,000 visits in 2005 to nearly 27,000 visits in 2011, visits because of abuse or misuse rose 250 percent during the same period from just over 6,300 visits in 2005 to almost 21,700 visits in 2011.

In both categories, many more women ended up in the ER than men. Women's visits for adverse reactions, for example, spiked from about 7,600 visits in 2005 to more than 19,000 visits in 2011. By comparison, men's visits went from about 2,500 in 2005 to around 8,000 in 2011.

By age, the greatest increase in ER visits because of Tramadol related misuse or abuse occurred among patients 55 or older, SAMHSA reported. This group experienced a 480 percent jump, from just 900 visits in 2005 to more than 5,000 in 2011. Patients ages 45 to 54 also saw a big increase — of 389 percent, researchers said in a statement.

In addition, patients ages 65 or older accounted for the largest number 35 percent of Tramadol related ER visits involving adverse reactions, according to the report, and half of them ended up being hospitalized.

The high number of older adults "is not really surprising," said Peter Delany, director of SAMHSA's center for behavioral-health statistics, which produced the reports.

"Tramadol is important for people with moderate to severe chronic pain, but older adults who end up in the ER are often on additional medications that can interact with Tramadol, especially antidepressant medication," he said in an interview.

Severe adverse reactions can include seizures and a potentially fatal reaction called serotonin syndrome.

Scott Dresden, M.D., director of the geriatric emergency medicine program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said many physicians prescribe Tramadol because it's considered safer than stronger opiates, which can cause overs sedation and falls or NSAIDs, such as ibuprofen or naproxen, which can cause stomach bleeding or kidney problems.

"Tramadol has been marketed as a safer alternative, and only now are the adverse reactions becoming well publicized," he wrote in an email.

What should patients taking Tramadol do to avoid misuse? Delany and Dresden have these tips:

• Tell your doctor all the medicines you're taking, including vitamins and supplements, and discuss any possible interactions. Keep a list of your meds, and update it with each new prescription.

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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE FAIRHOUSING ACT

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[LOOK FOR THE PDF ARTICLE ON LINE]

This is a long article that covers many topics under this heading.

In summery: there are no formal forms to complete, but communication of your request should be in writing. Although no doctor statement is required, it might help your request if you present a doctor statement with your request. It might also help if you are positive and not threaten filing a suit with the DOJ.

Who qualifies as a person with a disability under the Act?

The Act defines a person with a disability to include

(1) individuals with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;

(2) individuals who are regarded as having such an impairment; and

(3) individuals with a record of such an impairment.

What is a "reasonable accommodation" for purposes of the Act?

A "reasonable accommodation" is a change, exception, or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice, or service that may be necessary for a person with a disability to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, including public and common use spaces. Since rules, policies, practices, and services may have a different effect on persons with disabilities than on other persons, treating persons with disabilities exactly the same as others will sometimes deny them an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. The Act makes it unlawful to refuse to make reasonable accommodations to rules, policies, practices, or services when such accommodations may be necessary to afford persons with disabilities an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.

There are many more specific questions & answers in this article.♦♦♦

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In a Veterinarian's waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"
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"We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be." !

PAINKILLER ***continued from page 13...***

• Make sure all your prescriptions are at one pharmacy that has a computerized system to automatically track potential drug interactions.
• Don't take more than what is prescribed. If you're still in pain, talk with your doctor. Don't just up your dose.
• Don't suddenly stop taking Tramadol without speaking with your doctor first, especially if you've been on the medication for a while. Suddenly stopping can cause uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms.

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POLIO SURVIVORS SHARING

This is a one-on-one e-mail list so you can mail only to the selected name; an e-mail list of Polio Survivors who wish to communicate with other Polio Survivors and discuss your concerns, ideas, fun, jokes, as well as sharing information of what is happening to each other. I would like your permission to add you on this list. Please email to Hazel3SGS@comcast.net to get on the list! Also include your city and state. Happy Sharing!! ☺ Vera Hazel, Editor

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Why One of Three People Aged Over 70 Are Discharged with Functional Decline

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One in three patients aged 70 and older who are independent in their daily functioning and are admitted for acute conditions, like pneumonia, are discharged from the hospital with functional decline and around one in two report a decline in functioning a month after their discharge, according to a new study conducted by the University of Haifa. "A patient who is admitted for a serious illness, like complications from pneumonia or exacerbation of a heart condition, expects to leave the hospital in a better state than the one she/he entered, but in practice this isn't always the case," say Dr. Anna Zisberg and Dr. Efrat Shadmi from the University of Haifa's Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing, who conducted the study, which was recently published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

The expectation of a person who is hospitalized in an internal medicine ward is to be discharged after his/her health problem is resolved, enabling him/her to return to their normal functioning. "When a man of 78, who was able to walk, go to the bathroom, and eat independently before the hospitalization, is admitted for three or four days to be treated for arrhythmia, there is no apparent explanation for why after his condition is treated, he should become dependent, need a cane to walk, and require adult diapers," says Dr. Zisberg. But from studies conducted around the world, it seems that this is exactly what happens to many people over age 70. As a result, the researchers, together with Dr. Nurit Gur-Yaish of the Gerontology research center, research student Orly Tonkikh, and Dr. Gary Sinoff of the Department of Gerontology, Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences at the University of Haifa, sought to determine what is it about the hospitalization that was causing decline in older

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Discharged with Functional decline

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adults functioning. The study was conducted in cooperation with Dr. Hanna Admi, nursing director at Rambam Medical Center, and Dr. Chen Shapira and Haya Peker, the director and nursing director, respectively, of Carmel Medical Center. Participants included about 900 people aged 70 or older who were hospitalized in the internal medicine departments of both hospitals for illnesses that were not associated with loss of functioning (for example, they did not undergo surgery or suffer paralysis). The findings showed that a third of the patients, when discharged, were in a state of reduced function compared to the period preceding the hospitalization, and nearly half (46%), reported reduced functioning as late as a month post-discharge. "We were interested in what happens during the hospitalization that causes people who were independent to experience declines in their basic functioning," says Dr. Shadmi. The findings showed that one of the main factors leading to functional decline among older hospitalized patients was their reduced mobility while in the hospital. According to the researchers, patients often mistakenly think that if they're sick, they ought to be in bed, and around half of the patients didn't leave their rooms during their entire hospital stay. "Lack of mobility leads to reduced muscle mass and is liable to cause older people difficulty in daily functioning and other complications," says Dr. Zisberg. "This study shows, for the first time, that in addition to the many other risk factors present before and during the hospitalization itself, mobility is a significant factor, and making sure the patients move around the room and in the ward's corridors, can greatly influence their functioning after hospitalization."

Other factors found to be significantly associated with post-hospitalization functional decline was the unnecessary use of catheters or adult diapers for urination, use of sleep medications (either new use of sleep medications or cessation of pre-hospitalization routine use of sleep medications), and inadequate nutrition. On average, study participants reported consuming only 60% of the recommended daily calories during their hospitalization. The reasons for reduced nutrition included the unfamiliar taste of the food, a lack of appetite, and periods of fasting needed before various tests. According to the researchers, the most important recommendation is to encourage the patient to stay mobile while hospitalized, even if it means walking through the corridors or around the room.

"Sometimes we want to help a patient and do things for him/her," says Dr. Zisberg. "But if we really want to help, it's best to encourage the patient to be as independent as possible. Moreover, it's important for the patient to maintain as full and balanced a diet as feasible, to facilitate the body's optimal recovery processes."

"Post-hospitalization functional decline has been extensively shown to affect a broad range of adverse outcomes, including institutional care, falls, decreased quality of life and even death," the researchers say. "Identification of a comprehensive set of in-hospital risk factors that may be amenable to change has important implications for the prevention of such deleterious effects."

They added that a follow-up study is being conducted at both hospitals and changes have been made in the treatment protocols for older hospitalized adults.

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When Polio Stalked Ann Arbor

The vaccine effectively ended the menace of polio in the developed world. But it came five years too late for Ginger—her spinal column and legs were irreparably damaged.

Although Ginger was the only one of seven Visel children to contract the dreaded disease, three other children in Dexter came down with polio that year. One died and one was paralyzed. Ginger and the fourth child eventually walked with the help of metal leg braces. "There were no support groups or educational programs in those days," Ford explains. "We were just expected to tough it out and try to live lives as normal as possible."

Her first two weeks in isolation remain a blurred memory. "I do recall pain, excruciating pain," she says. Twice a day, heated wool packs—as hot as the child could tolerate—were applied to her back and legs. "To this day, whenever I smell hot wool, my skin itches, and my mind flies back to those early days," Ford says.

Ginger's seven-year-old roommate, Blossom, was wheeled away for a repeat operation on her spine. She never returned. "The children on my ward lived with the fear of death every day," Ford says.

After two weeks, her mother was allowed inside the isolation room, wearing a cap, mask, and long hospital gown. With a squeal of delight, Ginger held out her weak arms, sure her mother would pick her up and take her home. "Honey, the doctor says I can't touch you," her mother said.

"I could tell it was hard for my mom, but I felt betrayed," Ford recalls. After five minutes, a nurse shooed her mother out. At Christmastime, her sisters Donna and Frankie rapped on the viewing window and held up gifts: coloring books and a box of crayons. When she asked why she couldn't see her family, nurses just shook their heads.

COURTESTY GINGER VISEL FORD

Ford with her daughter and son. Encouraged to live as normal a life as possible, she raised a family, earned a master's degree, and taught school in Dexter.

In early January, she was transferred to the children's polio floor in the U-M Hospital. As a transporter wheeled her down the hall, she glimpsed children in what looked like giant tin cans. Only their heads stuck out of the iron lungs. "The face of one boy still haunts my dreams," Ford says. "His eyes were reflected in the viewing mirror that hung over his head, and they were filled with grief."

The hospital fitted her with high-top shoes bolted to a metal bar. She had to wear them all night long. "The night was filled with heartrending cries," Ford recalls. "I had to sleep on my back without a pillow, because doctors thought this might keep my spine from curving. That awful foot contraption hurt! ... Nighttime was crying time."

A doctor told her mother that Ginger would probably never walk again. But eventually, nurses encouraged her to practice standing, holding onto something or someone to steady herself; otherwise, she collapsed into a heap—"like a wet noodle," she says. She learned to transfer herself into a wooden-slat wheelchair. She was fitted with two full-length leg braces, orthopedic shoes, and crutches, then started therapy by holding onto two parallel bars while a nurse held the back of a belt wrapped around her waist so she wouldn't fall. "She walked behind me and pushed my right leg forward with her knee, then repeated the same thing with the left leg," Ford says. "Trying to swing my legs from my hips with heavy braces on was exhausting work."

In March, Ginger's seven-year-old roommate, Blossom, was wheeled away for a repeat operation on her spine. She never returned. "The children on my ward lived with the fear of death every day," Ford says. On her fifth birthday, she was held up to the tenth-floor window so she could see her brothers and sisters far below. They were doing cartwheels and acting silly, trying to make her laugh. Several weeks later, she finally went home.

In June, she had her first outpatient visit, and a crowd of male doctors and interns studied her X-rays and her body. "I was mortified that I had to walk in front of them while practically naked … I listened to them talk about me as if I were a piece of furniture … When the doctor pointed out that my left knee buckled without warning, I snuck a glance at the solemn expressions of the audience … and wanted to race back home and hide.

"I hated being put on exhibit. I felt shamed and degraded."

In 1954, Ginger returned to the hospital for the first of six surgeries. The surgeon performed a triple fusion, inserting three screws in her left ankle and mid-foot and length-

COURTESTY GINGER VISEL FORD

Ford recently met historian David Oshinsky, whose *Polio: An American Story* won the Pulitzer Prize. Forced into early retirement by post-polio syndrome, she now uses a wheelchair almost full-time.

ening two tendons to help balance her foot, which was turning outward. The leg was encased in a long cast.

"The next two weeks, my nurses turned me into a pincushion, poking me with pain shots and penicillin shots to reduce the risk of infection," Ford recalls. "At one time, my bottom was so black and blue from shots, the nurse said she didn't know where to put the next injection." When the cast was finally removed, her leg was stiff—the knee hadn't bent in six months. The pain was excruciating.

In the midst of tending to her large and growing family, Mrs. Visel supervised her daughter's physical therapy. They visited a nearby lake whenever possible, for water therapy.

When X-rays showed she was growing rapidly, doctors expressed concern about how the spurt would affect the curvature of her spine. After discussing a spinal fusion, they instead had her fitted with a back brace.

Two sturdy metal bars ran down her back and two more ran under her arms. They were covered in leather and attached to a circular frame around her waist. "The brace turned me into a marionette, stiff and upright. It was barely tolerable." She wore it for eight hours every day for two years. "Some of the girls in my class bragged about getting training bras. They couldn't imagine what I wore under my clothes!"

When she was ten, Ginger had surgery to cut the muscles and tendons around her left hip, an effort to help her stand straight. Her pelvis and leg were cast in an extended position. Two weeks later, the same surgery was done to the right hip. To Ginger's horror, she awoke to find herself encased in a bright turquoise body cast: "I looked—and felt—like a beached baby whale: blue and totally incapacitated!" she says, shuddering. "No one had so much as hinted about a body cast. I cried an ocean of tears." When she was finally sent home to convalesce, her uncle hauled her lying in the back of his station wagon. She returned to school on crutches. When her hip healed, she was fitted with an additional leg brace and began using a cane.

During the ensuing years, she tried to live as normally as possible. Her brothers and sisters, now totaling ten, included her in all their activities, with modifications if necessary. She spent seven summer vacations at the Fresh Air Camp at Patterson Lake. In 1962, doctors operated on her left knee, hoping to stabilize it so she could walk without a full-length leg brace. It failed, and the brace went back on.

But she resolved not to let her disability interfere with her enjoyment of life. She graduated from St. Thomas High School in Ann Arbor and went on to earn her teaching certificate from Madonna College and a master's degree in special education from U-M. She married Eric Ford in 1983, and they have two children.

Using two canes, and wearing long skirts to conceal her braces, she taught elementary education in Dexter schools. Then, at age fifty, she confronted a new challenge, post-polio syndrome, which affects 80 percent of all polio victims and can include muscle weakness and fatigue, damaged nerve function, poor tolerance for cold, muscle twitching or cramps, breathing difficulties, and voice changes. Those issues forced her into early retirement at the age of sixty.

She finally succumbed to nearly full-time wheelchair use last summer. She now spends most of her time with her large and active family and completing a memoir, *STEADFAST: A Memoir of Faith, Family, & Polio.*

For decades, the world believed Ford's generation would witness the last of the dreaded epidemic, but recently polio has reappeared, in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East as wars have disrupted health-care systems and Islamic terrorists have targeted vaccination teams. "That breaks my heart," she says. "But good things do come out of bad. Without having to deal with polio, I never would have become as determined as I am. I probably wouldn't have appreciated every little achievement life offered me. My teaching probably benefited the most. I understand what it's like to have problems. Polio breeds a special kind of empathy for others. I am very aware of people in pain—all kinds of pain." ■

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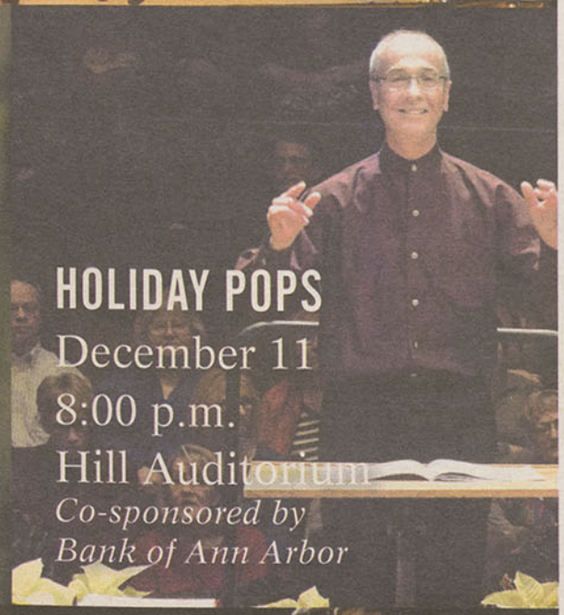

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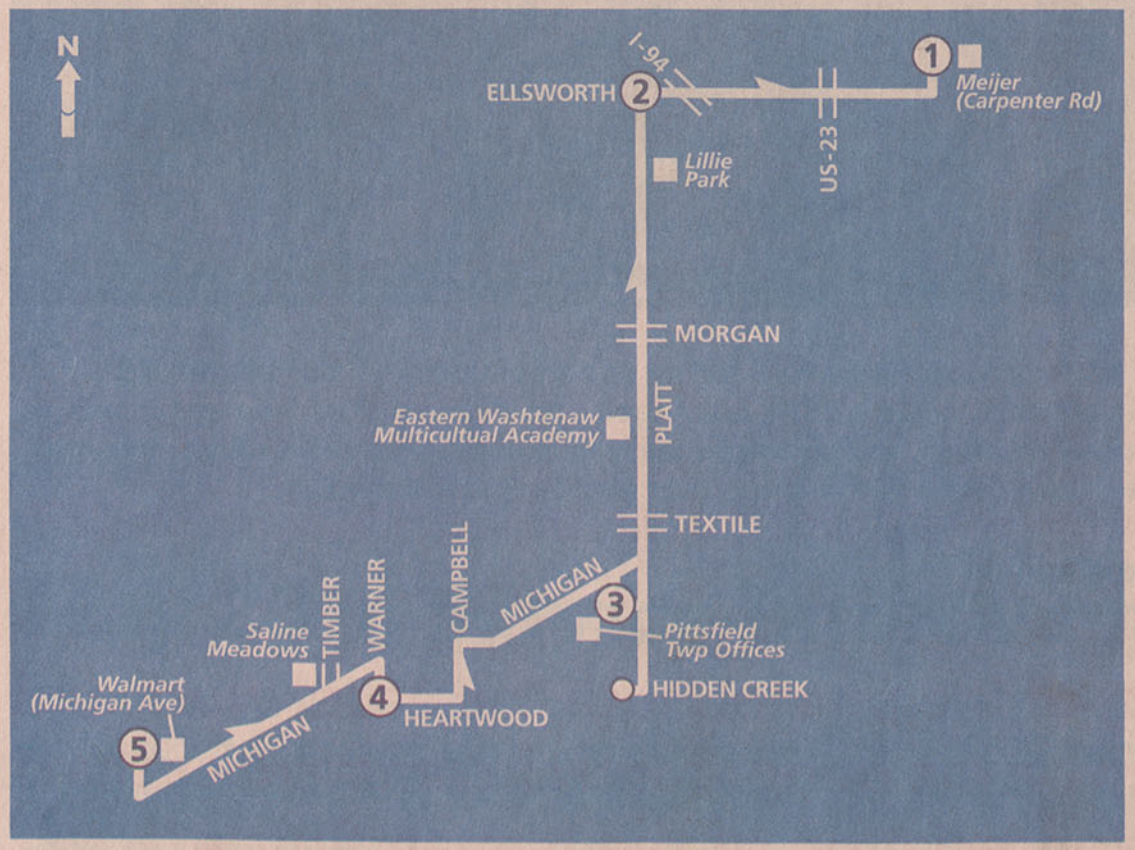

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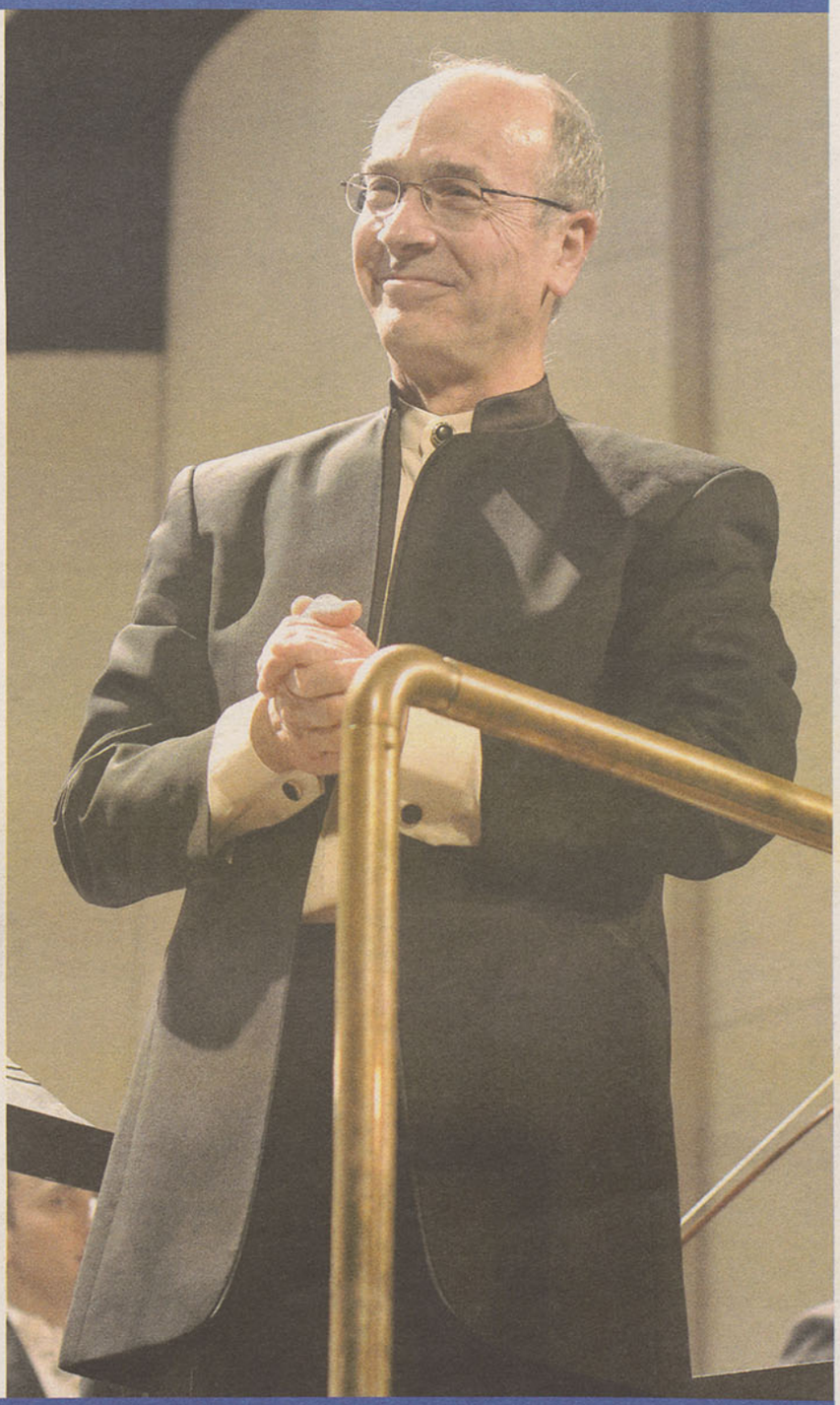

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Jerusalem Garden

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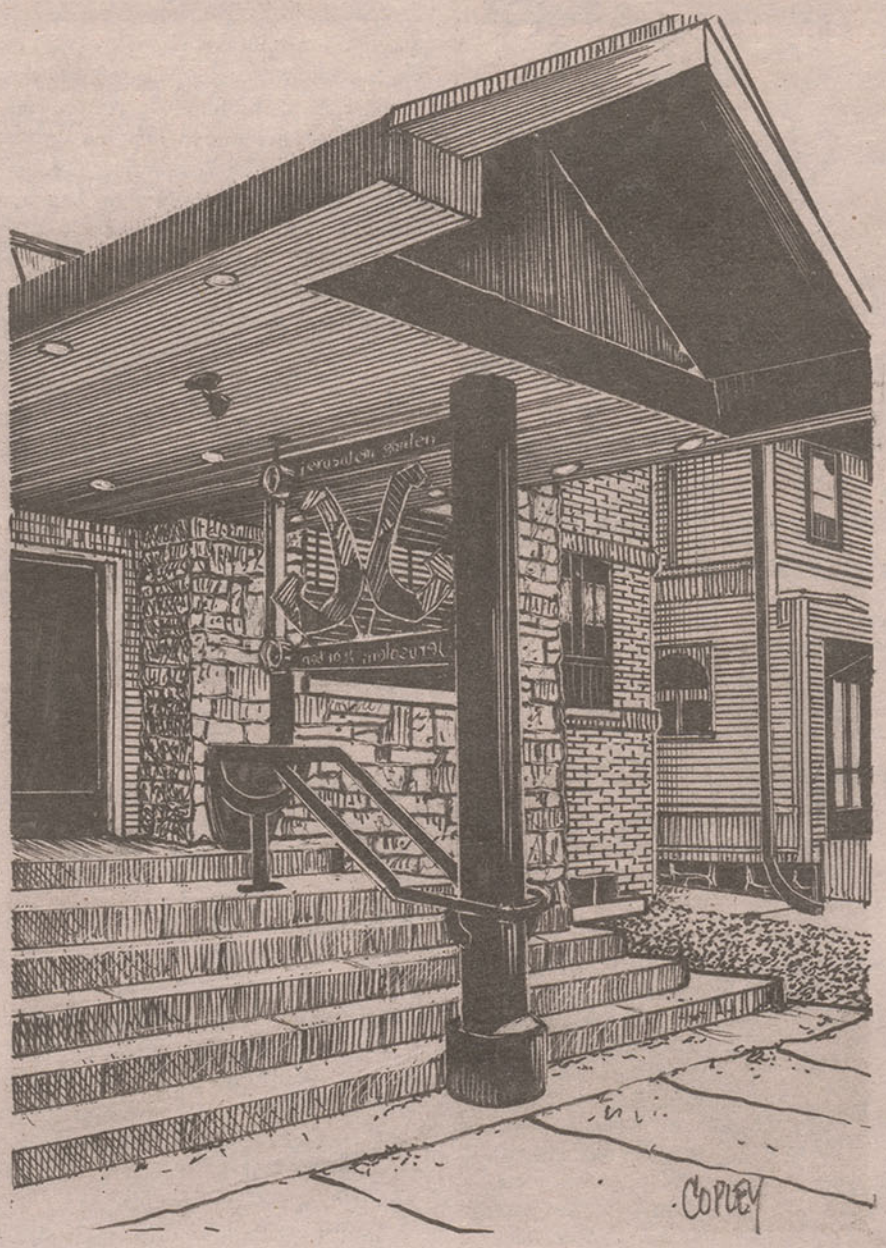

For nearly three decades, Jerusalem Garden's food and fellowship kept loyal fans ducking into its hobbit hole of a storefront on Fifth Ave. across from the post office. I'd pop in mainly for carryout, because the tiny dining space set off my claustrophobia radar. Observing the staff prep, cook, and ring up orders was like watching a tightly choreographed crew in a minimalist sailboat galley. Maybe they had to take a couple steps to put it all together, but mostly they just twisted and reached.

I usually just picked up a pita sandwich or a tub of the creamiest hummus around, blended beyond the last identifiable bit of chickpeas. Exploring the menu is easier now at the bigger new Jerusalem Garden around the corner on Liberty, in the historic VFW hall that long housed Seva. With stylized signage out front that condenses the name to "JG," it now has a big-city, big-time feel, a switch both from the cramped original Jerusalem Garden and the previous tenant, Seva. With the walls knocked out and ceiling raised, the airiness is uplifting. Seva's aging hippie fern-bar feel has been exorcised along with its wood-paneled walls. Nostalgic murals depicting rustic life in Jerusalem and traditional kitchen work add to the brightness, as does an Afropop soundtrack. Lots of lights shine on eighteen small tables scattered in the main room, a semi-private dining area toward the back, and a quick-lunch area of high tables, where I saw folks digging into their carryout orders, toward the front. And there's counter seating alongside the open kitchen.

JG's distinctive brand of Middle Eastern made the move almost unchanged. A pureed red lentil soup, served thick, peppery, and spiked with turmeric to an ochre hue, is a far cry from the gray, grainy lentil broths found elsewhere. Tidy vegetarian and meat-filled grape leaves may look alike from the outside but, sweetened by currants and a bit of tomato, the vegetarian roll is the more flavorful of the two. A delicate, lemony "spinach pie" *fatayer* pastry is tasty but sparing enough on Popeye's power source that even a spinach-avoider would likely enjoy it. There's a larger meat pie, too, filled with ground beef and lamb.

Jerusalem Garden's classic light and not-too-garlicky hummus is a mainstay on the new menu. So is baba ghanoush, creamy roasted eggplant, confetti-flecked with parsley and tomato. Both staples turn up as sides on several platters and as a component in many dishes, including pita wraps that are some of the last five-buck sandwiches in town. The falafel—which can be ordered as a starter, sandwich, or meal—has telltale tinges of parsley green and is fried crunchy on the outside but not too greasy. A hefty but oddly successful offering is the Jerusalem burger, made with ground beef and lamb baked in grape leaves and served in gyro-like slices. It's a lot of food for six and a half bucks. (Like the menu, prices have scarcely changed.)

Fresher, lighter fare includes JG's smart take on *fattoush* salad: full of tomatoes, cucumber, parsley, and onion, dusted with powdered sumac, and mixed with your choice of toasted or fried pita chips. A surprise comes with JG's weirdly wonderful gluten-free take on tabbouleh—instead of cracked barley, it's built around quinoa on a colorful backdrop of carrot, red pepper, cucumber, and very fresh parsley. A tahini-dressed chopped salad was watery and disappointing; the simple yogurt and cucumber, enlivened by touches of mint and garlic, proved a more successful side.

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You can choose from more than a half-dozen meat kabob and kibbe offerings (sandwiches, platters, and combos). Servers were helpful and downright enabling for creative substituting on some of their groupings—little did they know my goal was a taste-and-tell for everything on the menu, though I came up short even after four visits. A favorite entrée was the hummus version of a chicken shawarma plate, with its slim "free range chicken breast" nicely grilled on the outside and moist on the inside; it could disappoint traditionalists if they are looking for classic shawarma caramelized from a vertical rotisserie grill, but I like the lighter style. The chicken on a bed of fine JG hummus makes for an appealing flavor and texture combination. Consider the fattoush with the toasted pita chips as your side to complete this exquisitely subtle meal.

B-school case studies are full of ventures failing when they scale up, but JG has kept its basic good food and value intact. And it carried over some longtime staff, who interact comfortably with customers, particularly at the counter. On a solo visit, I sat at the kitchen-side counter and purposefully left time for the little traditional Middle Eastern desserts. Most are imported from Dearborn, although buttery *ghraybeh*-style S-swirl cookies with pine-

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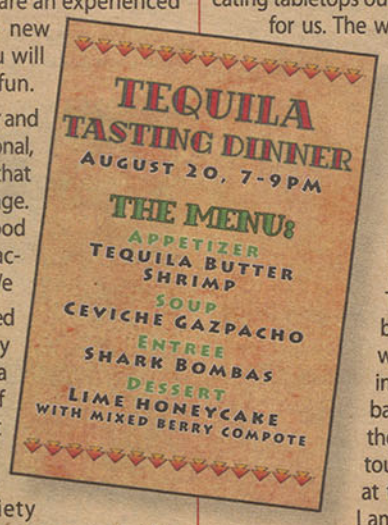
FATHER TEQUILA

by Jeremy Seaver

I am so excited to announce the first Tequila Tasting Dinner presented by Tios on Thursday, August 20th, from 7 to 9 pm. Finally tequila will be getting the attention it deserves as the focus of this fabulous meal. The chef and I have collaborated to design a menu that celebrates two of my favorite summertime staples: seafood and tequila. Our goal is to educate and entertain while we share a fabulous meal together. Whether you are an experienced tequila connoisseur or new to the spirit, I hope you will join us for this night of fun.



Though this is a dinner and the food will be sensational, it's important to note that tequila will be center stage. We didn't start with a food menu and then choose accompanying tequilas . We chose tequilas and designed a menu to accompany them. My sister Jessica and I have chosen four of our favorite tequilas that show off the flavors of Mexico's seaside cuisine and show off the variety of flavors you can experience with this wonderful spirit.

Tickets for the event are $60 and are for sale at the restaurant. Space is limited, so please reserve your place early.

CHEF'S TABLE

by Harriet Seaver

Rumballs, bourbon sauce – where's the tequila? Finding ways to incorporate tequila in my dishes is fun. There are so many unique flavor profiles. Use a light pour when cooking, though. You can always drink the rest (one for you, one for me…).

There are peppery tequilas that work well with vegetable dishes. Clean blancos easily infuse butter sauces, and there are now coffee and chocolate expressions for desserts – think boozy hot fudge sundaes!

We're definitely looking forward to taste-testing at our upcoming tequila dinner!

SALSAS & SAUCES

by Tim Seaver

Here at TIOS we are in the midst of a project that, as an old farm boy, is near and dear to my heart.

A lumber mill in Clare, Michigan, is fabricating tabletops out of reclaimed barn wood for us. The wood is hickory, oak, walnut, basswood, and black cherry. The two barns the wood is from were known to have been built between 1875 and 1880. The size of the beams and slabs indicates the trees were 100 years old or older. This wood began life before the revolutionary war. Some of the people involved in building the barns may have fought in the civil war. Come in and touch this wood and marvel at the history it represents. I am 72 years old, and there are few things left that can thrill me like looking at and touching this wood.

BAKER'S CORNER

by Jessie Seaver

Añejo, or aged tequila, is the perfect way to end a meal. Añejo tequilas are aged from one to three years, taking on the flavors from the barrel, while the harshness of the alcohol mellows. This mellowing allows you to appreciate the complex and subtle flavors of the tequila. For our special tequila tasting dinner, I will be preparing honeycakes with a berry compote, paired with a smooth añejo with notes of vanilla, caramel, and smoke from the charred wood. I can't think of a better way to end an evening.

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nut belly buttons are made in house, my server told me, as is the rice pudding, his favorite dessert. The honey-nut baklava and coconut-semolina *namoura* cakes can be enjoyed with mint tea or local Roos Roast Lobster Butter Love coffee. But I came intent on putting a dent into a three-plus-cup pot of Turkish coffee. It's blissfully aromatic, sweetened with sugar, and flavored with cardamom—and perhaps other spices that no servers could (or would) confirm. In any case, the end result is an almost flowery bloom of flavor. It's a fun bit of ceremony to tip the traditional long-handled *cezve* pot into a demitasse china cup, sipping the frothy coffee "crema" ring inside. When finished, I spilled the dregs onto my plate and two different servers joined in an amateur reading of the grounds at the bottom of my cup.

"It's something about finances," said one, "because everything is about money."

"Looks like a whale, animated, because look at those eyes," said another, while I stole a peek at his arm to check for similar themes in his tattoos.

Less creatively, I divined a crooked smiley face in the grounds, which summed up my fully fed, pleasantly caffeinated, and sugar-topped Jerusalem Garden state of well-being.

—M.B. Lewis

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Exile on Fifth Ave.

What's pop-up, what's practice, what's temporary, what's permanent? New, experimental business models are giving chefs and entrepreneurs opportunities to test different service avenues—great for us customers when we're interested in innovative experiences, but less so when we return on a Tuesday night only to find the chef gone, the room shuttered, or the concept changed.

Brad Greenhill, who for the last few years has put on pop-up dinners in Ann Arbor and Detroit, has been working toward a brick-and-mortar venue in the Motor City named Katoi, scheduled to open in the fall. Till then, he and partner Courtney Henriette have taken advantage of Jerusalem Garden's move to open Katoi in Exile, a temporary summer restaurant in JG's former space on Fifth Ave. Here he can keep practicing, so to speak, while the Detroit kitchen gets built. Though his previous culinary work was more wide-ranging, Greenhill's focus at Katoi in Exile is on Thai-inspired food, and the new crazy-curly exterior paint scheme on the tiny building evokes the imagination and inventiveness behind his cooking.

My hands-down favorite, a dish of grilled trumpet mushrooms, inspired greed. I selfishly didn't want to share it. However, I was willing to divide the plate of charred asparagus with coconut yogurt.

Right now the feel is definitely less than permanent. The restaurant is—usually—open only Wednesday through Saturday for lunch and dinner, with a break in between the two meals. You order at the tiny front counter, get a number, and then find a table inside or out to await delivery; food arrives as it's made. Service is efficient and straightforward, but an extra smile or two wouldn't hurt. The changing menu lists dishes in an unusual fashion—vegetables, noodles, and "pleasing things," which includes items both appetizer and entrée sized; prices give the best indication of probable size.

After eating there twice in the first couple of weeks, I can testify to a number of pleasing things on the menu. My hands-down favorite was a dish of grilled trumpet mushrooms, sliced thin, perfumed with lemongrass and anise-y herbs, and enlivened with chilies and shallots. It was a dish that inspired greed, and I selfishly didn't want to share it. However, I was willing to divide the plate of charred asparagus with coconut yogurt; though the components were capably handled, pairing the grassy vegetable with a sweet coconut sauce didn't produce an ideal match. Another dish pairing a vegetable with the tropical edible—fried squash blossoms filled with coconut cream—proved bland.

Assembled using mortar and pestle and generously seasoned with chilies and fish sauce, Greenhill's *som tam thai*, Thailand's signature green papaya salad, eaten with a side of sticky rice, absolutely sang on the tongue. I also enjoyed his porky *banh mi*, chicken satay (here spelled "sateh"), and chickpea "tofu"—triangles of fried chickpea-flour cakes, strewn with astringent Kaffir lime, and served with a sweet chili garlic sauce.

Opinions definitely differed on his Thai fried chicken. My husband and I

found the meat moist and the crust admirably cracker crispy but the overall flavor rather dull and the accompanying coconut ranch dip unfortunate (and I usually love coconut in all its forms, sweet and savory). But friends visiting another night reported a different experience—tasty, brined meat, interestingly seasoned. It's probably worth another try. I'm also hoping for noodle dishes with more flair the next time I go. *Khao soi*, yellow coconut curry noodles, is a pleasing, if standard, dish, and the mushroom ramen, a vegetarian soup with shiitakes, poached egg, and greens, was dull.

Katoi didn't offer dessert on my visits. But at press time, Hamtramck candy maker Bon Bon Bon had just managed, Russian doll–like, to slide a teeny "pop-up counter" into Katoi's tiny space. Bon Bon Bon fashions pricey square chocolates with standard and imaginative flavors and fillings, packaging them in artful cardboard wrappers.

Need you all rush over to Fifth Ave. before these pop-ups deflate? Maybe not. During my second evening at Katoi, our server stopped by to chat a bit. Business, she said, had been brisk and the reception so enthusiastic that Greenhill and Henriette were considering investing in real dishware and the long haul after a hiatus to open the Detroit store. Sounds like this latest temporary experiment may produce another permanent fixture in Ann Arbor's lengthy restaurant lineup. Stay tuned and keep an eye on Facebook.

—Lee Lawrence

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The oddly named Detroit deli truck "Hero or Villain" was there, flashing a tasty BLT with fried egg on fluffy, thick-sliced sourdough bread ($7.50). The Pita Post, also from Detroit, featured a fairly typical chicken shawarma ($7.95) and other Middle Eastern standards. Babo Market to Go sold rather insipid, expensive cold-pressed juices ($7 for 16 oz.) and decent chicken or pork tacos ($7 for two). The longish line at the Shimmy Shack (vegan and gluten-free food) really puzzled me after I tasted and then tossed our order—$15 and change bought a tiny, mushy, tired black bean and brown rice burger, ordinary fries with garlicky vegan mayo, and a grainy, chalky chocolate shake of vegan ice cream and almond milk. (At least the garlic was garlicky.)

Vying for cuteness with the Shimmy Shack's truck was Ingrid, the vintage minty-green Metro truck of rally organizer Hello! Ice Cream & Gelato. But a tiny cup of lemon *stracciatella* ($3.50) lacked any strong citrusy flavor, so I hit Sweet Maria's compact classic trailer, Clarence, for a half pint of luscious strawberry-buttermilk ice cream ($3.50) and an unusual blueberry pie cookie ($1.50)—thinner and smaller than a hand pie but with a similar flaky, crispy crust and not-too-sweet fruit filling. One of Petey's perfect warm cider donuts ($1 each) finished off dessert, and we headed out to the relative quiet of rainy downtown Ann Arbor.

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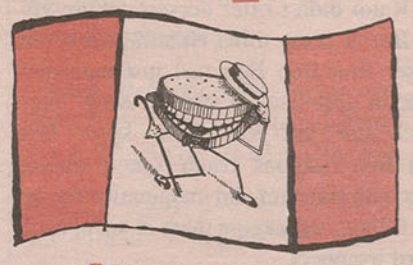

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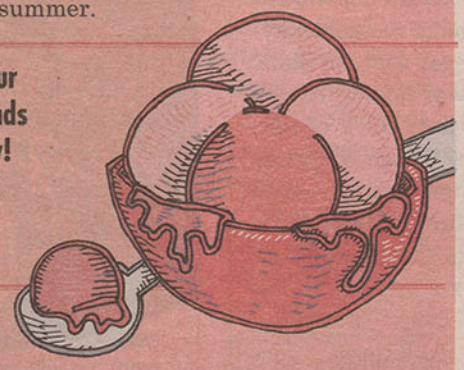

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Marketplace Changes

Meijerlandia

The hypermarket fills its out-lots.

J. ADRIAN WYLIE

Pittsfield supervisor Mandy Grewal and planning commission chair Matt Payne at Pittsfield Place. The tenants may not set a retail geek's heart aflame, but the mini-mall in front of Meijer is a step toward the township's long-term plan to knit itself into a full-service municipality.

About half the buildings on the out-lots between Meijer and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. have taken shape, and some tenants are open for business. There's nothing in the six buildings that will make up **Pittsfield Place** to set a retail geek's heart aflame; the three buildings constructed so far house just eyeglass, haircut, phone, and quickie food franchises. Specifically, going north from Oak Valley Dr.: **AT&T, Subway, Sport Clips, Eyeglass World, Five Guys, Menchie's** (the one new guy in town, a frozen yogurt place), and **Pancheros.**

But to Pittsfield Township, these everyday shops and eateries have an entirely different meaning. First, they're adding to an existing retail cluster rather than popping up more or less randomly along the township's main roads. Second, they can be accessed not just by car but on the new sidewalks and bike lanes that connect homes to those nodes. And that's a step toward the township's long-term plan to knit itself into a full-service municipality with a strong sense of place.

"The big jump was between 1980 and 2000," says supervisor Mandy Grewal (pronounced "gray wall"). Pittsfield's population doubled in those decades, to 30,000 (it's about 35,000 now). Not surprisingly, such radical change caused repeated political paroxysms, first over a proposed "new urbanist" development that would have filled nearly a square mile in the middle of the township, then over the Walmart on Michigan Ave. Grewal, a former county commissioner who has a PhD from U-M in urban planning, rode that last wave of protest into office.

Earlier this summer the township halted construction because Versa Development wasn't adhering to approved plans which, above all, try to make commercial spaces friendly and welcoming.

In the township's first burst of growth, developers rushed to throw up industrial parks, shopping centers, and housing developments. Reflecting the thinking of the time, all were strictly separated from one another. When Meijer was built in 1988, the big-box store and its vast asphalt desert of a parking lot were carefully buffered behind high, grassy berms. At first glance, ripping out those berms to make Pittsfield Place might seem like a step backward—but, instead of hiding commerce, contemporary urban planners prefer to flaunt it.

The spacious, airy Pittsfield Township administrative building at Michigan Ave. and Platt has the happy hum of some kind of cool software company, with its relaxed, friendly employees and the pleasant chaos of a Thursday farmers' market filling the parking lot. Grewal, in a tailored skirt and high-heeled sandals, looking like the company's more serious CEO, says her job "is full-time and then some." She explains that when Pittsfield began extensively reworking its master plan in 2009, planners used a "heat density map" to find the biggest commerce clusters. "We didn't want to create any random, ad hoc development. Those areas would continue to be developed, and we could work on preserving existing green space." She goes on about "residential and retail services, interconnected by multimodal transportation" in a way that sounds a little PowerPoint-y, but she's no spineless bureaucrat.

Earlier this summer the township halted construction on Pittsfield Place because Versa Development wasn't adhering to the approved plans, which, above all, try to make commercial spaces friendly and welcoming. "For instance, instead of clear glass in the windows they were using blackened glass, which gives it an ominous look," she says. "There's a lack of awnings. The planning commission has dug in their heels. We're not changing the rules of the game—these are things that were in the plans, and we are holding their feet to the fire."

This Meijer out-lot development isn't a one-off. In fact, Meijer has an entire website called Meijer Real Estate to line up these kinds of projects on all its properties ("Join the many businesses that have grown with Meijer …"), because other cities and towns too are curbing sprawl by channeling new retail development toward big-box store out-lots.

Scio Township's Meijer on Jackson Rd. has almost completed a less ambitious development called **Scio Square.** In mid-July, a **Starbucks** was open.

Grewal says the dispute with Versa over Pittsfield Place has been resolved. Retrofits are being made, and Versa should be able to resume work on the last three buildings shortly.

Dumplings from Liaoning

Yee Siang brings a new cuisine to the Washtenaw strip.

The former Roma Bakery on Washtenaw near Golfside is now **Yee Siang Dumplings.** A cozy café with upholstered chairs and wooden tables, it serves the food of northeastern China.

"I will give you more details, ma'am," volunteers Aaron Zhou, the manager. "I understand that details are very important in the report." Zhou's English vocabulary is still limited, but his diction is precise, and his desire to communicate is palpable. The owner's daughter, Ivy Tie, pulls up a chair, and they explain how Yee Siang, which means "delicious," came about.

Unlike so many Chinese restaurants with massive menus claiming to specialize in Hunan or Szechuan or Cantonese cuisine, owner Weiguo (way gwah) Tie decided to keep it simple and cook what he and his wife, Hua Bai, know best: food from his native Liaoning province. Not much represented in our immigrant community, it's way up there next to North Korea.

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All in the family: Aaron Zhou, Ivy Tie, Hua Bai, and Weiguo Tie specialize in dumplings from Liaoning Province in far northeastern China.

Weiguo Tie has been in the U.S. since 1996 (Ivy and her mother are more recent immigrants), working in other people's kitchens, most often as a sushi chef. He has a keen eye for American culture and noticed that there's nothing certain Westerners like better than discovering a new ethnic cuisine. "I think he is an expert in American society," Aaron says. "He has many business experiences in America."

Yee Siang is still in a very soft opening, with only part of a planned short menu available. They'll bring out the rest of it when the students come back in the fall and maybe add some other northeastern specialties as well. As of early August, they were serving about a half dozen flavors of dumplings and marinated roast duck, hacked-up bones and all, the way the Chinese do.

The interview is interrupted several times by what seems to be some beside-the-point bickering between the owner's daughter and the owner's employee.

"I learn English at Calvary Bible Study Church," says Aaron.

"It's Calvary Bible Church—there's no 'study' in there," Ivy corrects him.

"I go to that church more than you. I think I know."

And a few minutes later: "She has a northeastern China accent."

"I speak very standard Mandarin."

"Not really."

Yes, they're married, which explains a lot. "He likes to talk," says Ivy. This time, Aaron doesn't argue.

Yee Siang Dumplings, 4837 Washtenaw, 879–1459. Tues–Thurs. & Sun. 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Closed Mon.

Kiwanis Goes West

The service club expands into Scio.

The **Kiwanis Center West** opened on Staebler Rd. in June. Like the original downtown location, the hours for its weekly thrift sales are brief: Saturdays only, for a crazy, jam-packed three hours. Kiwanian Dan Dever says that in the near future he expects it will be open all day Saturday and possibly even a second day each week.

Larger than the club's downtown shop and with ample parking, the "west wing" has become the new sales venue for heavy, large items, like indoor and outdoor furniture that the club previously sold out of a rented space in Airport Plaza. But it also has a good supply of the other merchandise stocked downtown—clothing, dishes, electronics, and all those weird, unclassifiable things that make Kiwanis cruising good Saturday entertainment even for people who don't need to thrift shop.

The spectacular success of Kiwanis's weekly sales—it gives back more than $250,000 annually to the community—has allowed the club to think more like a commercial business. Certainly the committee in charge of the expansion has the expertise. Dever is an attorney at DeLoof, Hopper, Dever, and Wright; his brother Nick, is an attorney and contractor; and Doug Ziesemer is a real-estate broker. Last year, after a ten-year search, they guided Kiwanis's purchase of the former Sheridan Books property. "It's a white elephant. We were able to get a good deal," Dever says. Sheridan is building a more modern space out in Chelsea though still renting some of its old space until the move is complete.

"It was pretty dark and dingy," Dever says. "We opened it, cleaned it up, put in a loading dock. We're looking for other nonprofits as either tenants or to condominium-ize some of the building. It has a cafeteria, a meeting hall." And there's room to develop an out-lot in front, directly across from Menards. But they're not trying to turn a buck on every square inch of the property. The half-acre wooded wetland out back will become a preserve for environmental education and study.

Dever points out that thrift stores are well represented in the Ann Arbor area—in fact, right down the road are the ShareHouse and Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. "We're not recovered from the recession yet. People are still buying frugally. They're buying reused goods." And, he continues, the fact that so many resale

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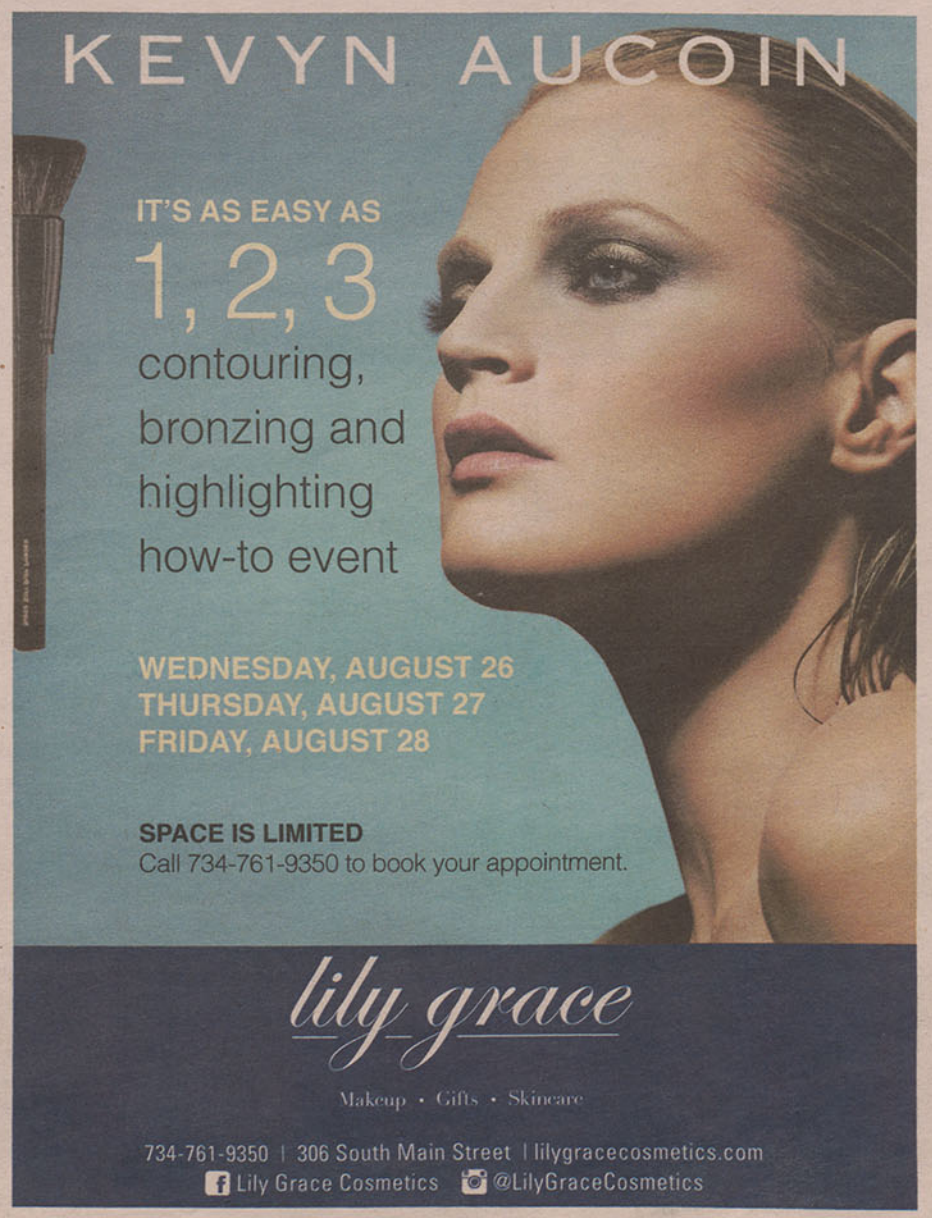

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stores—both profit and nonprofit—are coming to Ann Arbor mirrors a trend seen in other retail sectors. "Whether you're high-end or low-end, Ann Arbor is a site picked for its presence. Whether you're Whole Foods or Goodwill," Ann Arbor is a desirable location to plant a flag.

Despite the new competitors, he says, Kiwanis has maintained its edge because it offers the best pickup service. Other stores do pickups, he says, "but will not go inside, especially up stairs, for both liability and safety reasons." Kiwanis will, and because of that, "our pickup quality and quantity has increased dramatically. We've been able to pick up entire households. We deal with property managers when students move out. We have an arrangement with U-M for turn-in and recycling."

Kiwanis Center West, 102 N. Staebler, 665–0450. Thrift sale hours: Sat. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. a2kiwanis.org

Briefly Noted

Elephant Ears, Kerrytown's bi-level store for top-quality children's clothing, strollers, car seats, and baby accessories, suddenly decided to pull up stakes and relocate to a smaller space in Plymouth. Matt Cyrulnik and Jenna McElroy, who founded the store in 2007, sold the business a couple of years ago to Kyle Morse and Rebecca Greene.

Karen Farmer, manager of Kerrytown Market & Shops, says she doesn't know why Morse and Greene decided to leave. But whatever prompted the decision, it was good news for Mary Cambruzzi: She's moving **Found**—the cheerfully uncategorizable shop she tags as "vintage, artisan, and eco-friendly"—into their former downstairs space in what Kerrytown calls the Luick Building. Long ago, it was called Luick Brothers Lumber Co., where horse-drawn carts loaded up building supplies to deliver to the housing boom in progress on what was then the new west side, lowercase.

Found's new space is twice as big as its present one. It also has an independent entrance, so Cambruzzi will be able to do events like pop-up trunk shows, furniture painting demonstrations, and jewelry assembly workshops when the rest of Kerrytown is closed.

Cambruzzi opened her store a decade ago, before upcycling and repurposing were hipster buzzwords: people like her invented what is now something of a genre. "When we started there was very little of that going on," she recalls. "There was a very clear distinction between places that sold old, vintage things and places that sold new things. But I always loved the quality of old things. They were often so much better made than reproductions. In my home, I always mixed old and new." She carries some brand-new items—mostly gifts or jewelry by Michigan artists—but specializes in art and craft made from rescued pieces, like earrings made from old Studebaker parts and bud vases from silver-plated spoons. She also sells what she calls "art supplies" for making your own upcycled art—old shirt buttons by the cup, spools of colored string, billiard balls, eyeglass parts.

She hopes to be in the new space by the end of August.

Found, 415 N. Fifth Ave. (new address), 302–3060. Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m. foundgallery.com.

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The last slot of Borders' old downtown store opened for business in June. **Pieology,** practically a homonym with "biology" and subtitled "the study of custom pizza" on its outside sign, sounds like it was invented for a college town, though manager Mike Morgan says that isn't particularly the case. A number of the growing chain's sixty-plus stores are in malls. Morgan gently clarifies that Pieology is "fast casual" as opposed to "quick service," the difference being that in fast casual if it can't be prepared in the time it takes for you to travel the cafeteria-like line, your food will be brought to your table. ("Quick service" is like Subway—apparently no one wants to claim the descriptor "fast food.")

At any rate, it is fast. It takes a pizza about three minutes to cook over the flames—and you can watch yours cook, in the open ceramic oven behind the counter. It's also speedy because while "there are over forty toppings, all pizzas are eleven-and-a-half inches," Morgan says. "As many toppings as you want, no upsizes, no upcharges." The only other thing on the menu—besides drinks—is salad, which works the same way, except chosen toppings are thrown on a bowl of lettuce instead of a round of dough.

Pieology is one of the smaller spots carved out of the old Borders, but there is still plenty of room for eating in. Pizzas are served on round, aluminum pizza pans, salads in square ceramic bowls.

Pieology, 620 E. Liberty, 222–0034. Sun.–Thurs. 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.–11 p.m. pieology.com

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How do you describe that Polaris Slingshot in the window of what used to be Nicholson's and is now **Freeride Powersports**? "It's a Batmobile!" replies general manager Ron Quinkert.

The Iowa-built three-wheeler looks like a souped-up dune buggy, or perhaps a drag-racing golf cart, and costs twenty grand. Even so, "they're flying off the shelves," says Quinkert. Classified for legal purposes as a motorcycle, the low-riding trike can go up to 130 mph.

Robert Mechigian and Scott Meterko bought Nicholson's last year, and after some debate decided to change the name. As promised, they've expanded into quads, ATVs, ORVs, and watercraft, though the store still specializes in the Japanese motorcycles Nicholson's was known for; they're dealers for Kawasaki and Yamaha.

Meterko and Mechigian gave the space a thorough going-over. They knocked out some interior walls, refinished the floors, and repaved and repainted the parking lot—they even painted in some narrower motorcycle slots. Seems like a no-brainer

for a cycle dealership, but Quinkert laughs: "Oddly enough, it's rare."

Freeride Powersports, 4405 Jackson Rd., 585–3300. Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Closed Sun. freeridepowersports.com

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Black Diesel Coffee is now open at the corner of Packard and E. Stadium, in the corner storefront previously occupied by Peet's Coffee & Tea and by Caribou Coffee. Both were successful, busy stores, but their corporate owners decided to leave the entire region. Black Diesel's improvements include a new front patio with comfy furniture and a rethink of the interior to add a few seats and a lot of power outlets.

Visitors to the café inquire if it's a chain, and everything about it seems to hint that it doesn't want to be the only Black Diesel in the world. But, at least for now, it's a singleton. Owner Nick Ferris also has the Old Carolina Barbecue franchise in Cranbrook Village.

The test of a coffee shop is in part how well the register works and how quickly one can get a cup of hot coffee into jittery morning hands. Black Diesel needs a little work yet to get its front counter working efficiently. If you are used to using Square to quickly sign for your coffee, the point-of-sale software (ShopKeep) will look familiar enough, but it's not currently set up to remember your email address. Regulars who want receipts will slow down the line just a little.

Black Diesel Coffee, 1423 E. Stadium Blvd., 436–8355. Mon.–Thurs. 6 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 7 a.m.–6 p.m. blackdieselcoffee.com

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Though Shinola's opening was noted a few months ago, we failed to give the coffee bar within the store its due. It's run by **Commonwealth,** whose main shop is in Birmingham; Commonwealth also runs the coffee counter at Detroit's Shinola. Barista David Chapman describes it as "direct-trade coffee sourced from small farmers in South America and Africa. We specialize in espresso and pour-over coffee," the latter meaning drip coffee, but made to order, not by the pot. Chapman says that back in the mothership in Birmingham, "we experiment with small-batch roasting, and that gives us a lot of control over the product. We can mess around with a lot of little factors."

Pastries, muffins, and macaroons are made in Birmingham and delivered daily. There's also a vegan fruit bar.

Like any coffee place, Commonwealth opens in time for you to grab a java before work, and, since it's not walled off from Shinola in any way, that means you can also buy a thousand-dollar watch before you even know what you're doing.

Commonwealth (inside Shinola), 301 S. Main, 389–7013, Mon.–Sat. 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 7 a.m.–6 p.m. gocommonwealth.com

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In early July David Myers was about to open **Mighty Good** at Arbor Hills in what used to be Glassbox Coffee (he also took over the other Glassbox site on South U several months ago, scarcely missing a beat after it closed late last year). Asked what a former Glassbox customer might notice that's different, he laughed: "The Glassbox has been closed for almost a year!" Ergo, the most obvious change is that it's open. Myers' laugh was a little brittle—he began trying to negotiate both leases at the same time, and this one was a battle.

Instead of comparing it to the ill-fated Glassbox, he suggests comparing it with itself. Like his Main St. Mighty Good, this one will also have a "toast bar" with bread from Fenton's Crust bakery. He's adding toppings all the time—the most recent addition is cheese from Ann Arbor's White Lotus Farms.

Mighty Good, 3010 Washtenaw, 436–8580. Mon.–Sat. 7 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.– 6 p.m. mightygoodcoffee.com

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Wright & Filippis moved out of its big building on Washtenaw near Huron Pkwy. into a smaller, more specialized shop farther east, next to Haifa Falafel. Bill Simon, certified prosthetist and clinical manager, says that because of changes in Medicare and Medicaid, small players like Wright & Filippis have mostly gotten out of "durable medical equipment and respiratory" (translation: wheelchairs and oxygen concentrators). With its twenty-six locations, W & F is still just a mom-and-pop shop compared to the big players, like CVS. Instead, says Simon, W & F is concentrating on custom orthotics and prosthetics, made in a lab on premises.

W & F still offers some off-the-rack products for fracture care ("crutches," as we laypeople call them), carpal tunnel care, and back bracing.

Wright & Filippis, 4585 Washtenaw, 975–6800. Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Closed Sat. & Sun. firsttoserve.com

Closings

R.U.B. BBQ didn't last long at the corner of Packard and State—it opened in 2013 and closed in May. The success of Slows BBQ in Detroit has invited competition, and the Yono family, which owns hotels and restaurants in the Detroit area, opened the first R.U.B. ("Real Urban BBQ") in downtown Detroit in 2010 and then opened two more; in Warren and Ann Arbor. Where Slows combines authentic barbecue with a Southern-flavored laid-back cool, R.U.B.'s formula is barbecue in a sports bar atmosphere, and it didn't seem to catch on. The Warren R.U.B. has also closed, and the *Detroit News* reported in February that the original Detroit location was about to become a restaurant called Cykel. "It's something we talked about," says Randy Yono, "but it never happened." For now, the Detroit R.U.B. remains open. As for the Ann Arbor R.U.B., "the business has been sold," though he declined to say to whom. "It's not 100 percent certain, more like 90 percent."

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Music at Nightspots

by John Hinchey

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The Alley

2830 Baker Rd., Dexter 426–4707

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The Arena

203 E. Washington 222–9999

This downtown sports bar features live music Mon. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Mon.: Laith Al-Saadi Trio.** An eclectic mix of roots Americana, classic rock, and blues, including many originals, by a jazz-tinged, jam-oriented trio led by local singer-guitarist Al-Saadi. His latest CD, *Real,* a collection of songs drawing on blues, country, gospel, and roots rock, was recorded in L.A. with an all-star cast of session legends, including saxophonist Tom Scott, drummer Jim Keltner, and bassist Leland Sklar. With drummer Rob Avsharian and bassist Jordan Schug.

The Ark

316 S. Main 761–1451

Michigan's leading showcase for American and international performers of all forms of traditional and roots music and contemporary songwriting. Shows almost every night at 8 p.m., Mon.–Sat., & 7:30 p.m., Sun. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are sold in advance at the Michigan Union Ticket Office (mutotix.com) and theark.org, and at the door. **Aug. 1: Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi.** NYC-based klezmer ensemble led by violinist Strom, a leading klezmer scholar who directed the documentary *The Last Klezmer: Leopold Kozlowski, His Life and Music.* His own self-styled "new Jewish music" blends traditional klezmer music with world-beat, Gypsy, Balkan, and khasidic music. $20. **Aug. 2: The Raisin Pickers.** Veteran Manchester-based string ensemble that plays old-time jug band dance music, western swing, and newgrass. The band has a new CD, *Ghosts of the Southern Swamp.* $15. **Aug. 3: Lazer Lloyd.** Connecticut-bred Israeli blues singer-songwriter whose songs incorporate Southern rock and gospel influences and whose guitar playing draws on everyone from Jimi Hendrix to Wes Montgomery. He recently released an eponymous CD. $15. **Aug. 4: We Banjo 3.** All-star quartet from Galway whose music is a virtuosic, revelatory blend of traditional Irish music with American old-time music and bluegrass that foregrounds traditional melodies with modern rhythms. *Irish Times* critic Siobhan Long praises their latest CD *Gather the Good* for its "finely calibrated repertoire," with "David Howley's title song anchoring the collection in a panoramic sweep of optimism." "Enda Scahill's 'It's Hard to Be 3' is another standout," Long adds. "Contemplative and unhurried, it lets the banjo breathe free, untethered from the headlong rush towards oblivion that can hold lesser players in thrall. All in all, a deliciously bearable lightness of being." $15. **Aug. 5: "Ark Reunion All-Star Hootenanny."** Brief sets by a slew of performers from the Ark's early and recent days, including singer-songwriter **Chris Buhalis,** folksinger **Deedee Palazzola Real,** the early 80s country swing and bluegrass-based jazz ensemble **Footloose,** and lots more. Emcee is veteran folksinger and balladeer (and longtime former WDET host) **Matt Watroba.** $5 (members, free). **Aug. 6: "Ark 50th Reunion Event."** In-the-round performances by the veteran local pop-folk singer-songwriter duo **Mustard's Retreat,** Chicago-based folksinger **Anne Hills,** Bay City pop-folk singer-songwriter **Jen Cass,** the renowned English traditional singer **David Jones,** and others TBA. $15. **Aug. 7: May Erlewine & the Moonlighters.** A big-voiced singer-songwriter from Big Rapids who writes thoughtful, richly emotional country-flavored songs, Erlewine leads her new ensemble, which features her husband, singer-songwriter and guitarist Seth Bernard, along with Michael Shimmin, Max Lockwood, Brad Phillips, and Levi Taylor. $20. **Aug. 8: "Ark 50th Reunion Event."** In-the-round performances by the **Chenille Sisters,** a nationally renowned local vocal trio known for their breathtakingly precise and resonant vocal harmonies and eclectic repertoire, along with three veteran folkie singer-songwriters, Ray Bierl, Bob White, and Ed Trickett. $15. **Aug. 9: Callaghan.** UK-bred, Atlanta-based Americana pop singer-songwriter whose debut CD, *Life in Full Color,* draws on folk, country, rock and pop flavors. $15. **Aug. 11: Kasey Chambers.** Australian singer-songwriter who sings her gritty country-oriented folk-rock songs in a high, crystalline, affectingly fragile voice that has provoked comparisons to Julie Miller and Emmylou Harris. She has a brand-new CD, *Bittersweet,* a collection of what *Rolling Stone* calls "hard-edged alt-country-rock in the tradition of such Americana stalwarts as Lucinda Williams and Buddy Miller." $25. **Aug. 12: Katie Geddes.** Local folksinger with a clear, strong voice whose repertoire includes songs by everyone from Buffy Sainte-Marie and John Prine to Michael Nesmith and Lennon & McCartney. Her 2010 CD *We Are Each Other's Angels* got airplay around the world. $15. **Aug. 13: Bill Bynum & Co.** Bluegrass-based quartet led by award-winning Downriver singer-songwriter and guitarist Bynum, whose songs also draw on old-time, early country, gospel, and contemporary folk music. His band includes Dobro player Dave Keeney, bassist Chuck Anderson, and a fiddler TBA. $15. **Aug. 14: Breathe Owl Breathe.** Local trio of guitarist and banjoist Micah Middaugh, cellist Andrea Moreno-Beals, and percussionist Trevor Hobbs whose songs are atmospheric, intricately textured instrumental and vocal landscapes. "At last, some music in the folk tradition that is new and refreshing, something an old music critic like me is always looking to find," says Allmusic.com founder Michael Erlewine. $15. **Aug. 15: Emi Sunshine.** Local debut of this 10-year-old prodigy from East Tennessee, a country singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose songs are steeped in old-time Appalachian music but draw on bluegrass, gospel, classic country, and blues as well. She first came to national attention when someone posted her flea market performance of Jimmie Rodgers' "Blue Yodel No. 6" on YouTube last year, and it went viral, eventually winding up on the *Today* show. $15. **Aug. 16: The Bryan Sutton Band.** All-star progressive bluegrass band led by former Hot Rize guitarist Sutton, a 6-time IBMA Guitarist of the Year. With Deadly Gentlemen fiddler Mike Barnett, Vickie Vaughn Band mandolinist Casey Campbell, and bassist Sam Grisman, the son of David "Dawg" Grisman. $25. **Aug. 17: Jerry Douglas.** This celebrated Dobro player, who's best known for his session work with all sorts of country and bluegrass acts, comes to town for a solo show showcasing his explorations of the musical spaces where country, bluegrass, rock, blues, and even bebop meet and intermingle. His new CD, *Traveler,* is an eclectic mix of tunes from Lead Belly's "On a Monday" and Huey "Piano" Smith's "High Blood Pressure" to Paul Simon's "The Boxer" and an instrumental medley of Simon's "American Tune" and Chick Corea's "Spain." $30. **Aug. 18: Goitse.** Traditional Irish music with a contemporary rhythmic drive by this young quintet made up of former University of Limerick students. Their latest album, *Tall Tales & Misadventures,* won the Live Ireland award for Trad Group of the Year 2015. $15 ($25 includes dinner entrée at Conor O'Neill's before the show). **Aug. 19: Open Stage.** All acoustic performers invited. Fifteen acts are selected randomly from those who sign up to perform 8 minutes (or 2 songs) each. The most talented and popular Open Stage performers are offered their own evenings at the Ark. $3 (members & students, $2). **Aug. 20: Cold Tone Harvest.** Popular Plymouth acoustic roots music trio led by singer-songwriter Andrew Sigworth. $15. **Aug. 21: Josh White Jr.** Known for his powerful, intense singing and his virtuosity on 6-string and 12-string guitars, White sings in a more modern style than his famous folksinger father. His blues, gospel, and folk repertoire includes many of his father's best-known songs as well as several upbeat, inspirational originals. His latest CD, *Tuning for the Blues,* is a collection of classic blues standards. $20. **Aug. 22: Robin Spielberg.** Veteran composer-pianist whose New Age–style music is known for its melodic richness and harmonic grace. She recently released *Another Time, Another Place,* a collection of solo piano originals that *New Age Music Reviews* reviewer Dana Wright describes as "swirling watercolors meet introspection and artfulness." $25. **Aug. 23: Deep Fried Pickle Project.** Bluegrass-based Americana by this neo-jug band from Kalamazoo known for a repertoire of zany interactive songs played on an array of homemade instruments. The show is followed by an instrument petting zoo that offers a chance to check out the band's instruments and an instrument-building workshop at which attendees make instruments out of household objects to take home. $12 (students & seniors, $10). 6:30 p.m. **Aug. 24: "Kevin Ransom Benefit."** Performances by several of the best area singer-songwriters and traditional musicians to benefit Ransom, a veteran Detroit-area freelance music journalist who now suffers from serious, chronic medical conditions that have become disabling. With the Andrews Sisters–style vocal trio **The Chenille Sisters,** folk and jazz harmonica wizard **Peter Madcat Ruth,** folksinger and balladeer **Matt Watroba,** blues singer **Rev. Robert Jones,** folk-rock singer-songwriter **Dave Boutette,** the folk-rock singer-songwriter duo **Jo Serrapere & John Devine,** folk and gospel singer **Katie Geddes,** and **Bottle Rocket Café,** the duo of roots music singer-songwriters John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal. $20. **Aug. 26: Julianne Ankley & the Rogues.** Soulful country-rock by this acclaimed Detroit country band led by Ankley, a sultry-voiced singer-songwriter whose CD *Vivid* won a 2012 Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Country Recording. $20. **Aug. 27: Thunderwüde.** *See review, above.* Bluegrass and related roots music by the popular Chelsea quartet of talented multi-instrumental string players Jason Dennie, George Merkel, Wes Fritzemeier, and Tommy Reifel. $15. **Aug. 28: Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys.** Acclaimed swing-flavored bluegrass band, formed in East Lansing and led by singer-guitarist Lindsay Lou Rilko. The band's 2014 EP, *Here Between,* is a collection of songs that migrate from their familiar jazzgrass milieu into the world of contemporary string band music occupied by the likes of Joy Kills Sorrow and Crooked Still. $15. **Aug. 30: Casey Abrams.** This young singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, a 2011 finalist on *American Idol,* writes pop ballads whose agile blend of R&B, jazz, blues, and rock vocabularies reflects his extremely eclectic array of influences from Cannonball Adderly to James Taylor to AC/DC. $20. **Aug. 31: The DuPont Brothers.** Americana pop-folk by the Vermont-bred sibling duo of Zack and Sam DuPont, who are known for their shimmering vocal harmonies and intricate fingerstyle guitar arrangements. "Like so many great melancholy records before it, while downcast and introspective and rooted in emotional trials, *Heavy as Lead* synthesizes sadness into something beautiful and reassuring," says *Seven Days* (Burlington) critic Dan

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Thunderwüde

Versatile bluegrass

I'm thoroughly enjoying a set by the Chelsea-based bluegrass trio Thunderwüde when I discover that the trio is actually supposed to be a quartet. Mandolin player and vocalist Jason Dennie is out of town, leaving guitarist George Merkel, bassist Tommy Reifel, and fiddler Wesley Fritzemeier to hold down the fort, with Fritzemeier taking over mandolin duty for the evening.

A quick look at some past YouTube videos of the band reveals that Dennie usually acts as frontman for the group, handling lead vocals and kidding around with the audience. And yet without him the group still acquits itself exceedingly well, playing bright, jammy covers and originals and aptly engaging a crowd of approving fans at the Chelsea Alehouse. Even out of their usual element, Thunderwüde is a group of truly versatile pros.

The trio I'm seeing tonight is also three-fifths of the Ben Daniels Band, the folky outfit often seen opening for bandleader Ben Daniels' father, Chelsea native son Jeff Daniels (see August 1–2 events listings). And their musical talents aren't limited to Americana; Fritzemeier also leads a jazz group that plays weekly at the Alehouse. Thunderwüde itself got its start in a series of informal sessions at the Alehouse. It eventually picked up a name and a faithful following, sometimes filling the Alehouse to capacity in its weekly engagement.

It's not hard to see why. The laid-back way these musicians gel as a group is fascinating to watch. One set begins with Fritzemeier alone onstage, gazing placidly into the middle distance as he jams quietly on his mandolin. It seems almost as though he's just idly warming up for the next round, but he's shortly joined by Merkel and then Reifel, who jump in with his melody and turn it into a full-length set-opening bluegrass jam. The band's set this evening is light on Dennie's warmly humorous original tunes, but the selection of covers is broad, often crowd-pleasing, and indicative of a thorough knowledge of musical history. The group delivers a swinging cover of Meghan Trainor's 2014 hit "All About That Bass" but also digs deeper with a rendition of the early John Prine tune "Paradise."

The group recalls an old-school musical tradition as they stand around a single vocal mike, harmonizing closely, with Fritzemeier and Merkel trading off on lead vocals. Merkel and Reifel provide a solid rhythm section on guitar and upright bass, while Fritzemeier takes most of the instrumental spotlight. Although it's not his usual instrument, Fritzemeier is an exceptional talent on the mandolin, executing dizzyingly complex solos with precision. The band also displays an easy repartee with its audience. "This next song is in the key of B, which means it's really hard to play unless you have a capo and your name is George," Fritzemeier cracks at one point.

They're one man down, but none the weaker. In one night the group thoroughly and unassumingly proves its adaptability, and the crowd demands an encore at the end. The band hardly hesitates for a moment. Thunderwüde retakes the stage and just keeps jamming.

Thunderwüde—the quartet—plays the Ark August 27.

—Patrick Dunn

Bolles in his review of the duo's recently released 2nd CD. $12.

The B-Side
310 E. Washington 214–9995

This all-ages venue in the Neutral Zone teen center (with a side alley entrance off Fifth Ave.) features a mix of touring, local, and teen bands, usually Sat., 7–11 p.m. Cover, dancing. August schedule TBA.

Bar Louie
401 E. Liberty 794–3000

This downtown tavern features live music Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1 a.m. Also, salsa dancing with a DJ on Wed. & Fri. 10:30 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover, dancing. **Aug. 1:** TBA. **Aug. 8:** TBA. **Aug. 15:** TBA. **Aug. 22:** TBA. **Aug. 29: She-Bop & the Riff Raff.** Local septet with a repertoire of vintage and contemporary pop, rock, and blues covers that's fronted by the girl-group-style vocals of Robin Peterson, Laurie Lounsbury, and Jennifer Carr Rumberger.

The Black Pearl
302 S. Main 222–0400

This seafood and martini bar features live music Tues. 8–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Aug. 4: Laith Al-Saadi.** Soulful acoustic rock and blues covers and originals by this local singer-guitarist who delivered a scorching set at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival in January. **Aug. 11: Lucas Paul.** Local pop-rock singer-songwriter whose influences range from the Beatles to Dave Matthews and Kings of Leon. **Aug. 18 & 25: Laith Al-Saadi.** See above.

The Blind Pig
208 S. First St. 996–8555

This local club features live music most Wed.–Sat. and occasional other nights, 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted). Also, occasional early shows, usually 7–10 p.m. Cover, dancing. If advance tickets are sold, they are available at the 8 Ball Saloon (below the club) and at etix.com. **Aug. 1: Snow Tha Product.** The stage name of Claudia Feliciano, a Mexican-American hip-hop rapper and singer known for her rapid-fire delivery and bilingual performances. Opening act is **Audio Push,** an Inland Empire hip-hop duo known for popularizing the hip-hop dance Jerkin'. Advance tickets: $14. **Aug. 5:** TBA. **Aug. 6:** TBA. **Aug. 7: Ann Arbor Soul Club.** Classic soul music by the local DJ duo of Brad Hales and Robert Wells. **Aug. 8:** TBA. **Aug. 12:** TBA. **Aug. 13:** TBA. **Aug. 14:** TBA. **Aug. 15: Pretty Ghouls.** Detroit trio that plays gleefully trashy garage rock. Opening acts are the Detroit postpunk rockabilly garage band **Blaire Alise & the Bombshells,** the local psychedelic rock band **Buffalo Coven Party,** and the local garage rock trio **Prude Boys. Aug. 19:** TBA. **Aug. 20: After Funk.** Progressive funk-soul fusion by this Toronto quintet. Opening act is **Stormy Chromer,** a local progressive jam-rock quartet. **Aug. 21:** TBA. **Aug. 22: Normandd.** Lansing noise-rock thrash band. Opening acts are **The Marcus Elliot Project,** a Detroit hip-hop/R&B-flavored jazz ensemble led by saxophonist Elliot, and **Storm Ross,** a local experimental electronica band. **Aug. 26:** TBA. **Aug. 27:** TBA. **Aug. 28: The Lowercase.** Local alternative hard-rock band. Opening acts are the local psychedelic-pop quartet **Januzzi Watchmen,** the East Lansing postpunk funk-rock sextet **Chief Larson & the Fire Puppets,** and the local funk-rock quintet **After Hours Radio.**

The Blue Nile
221 E. Washington 998–4746

This downtown restaurant features live music, Fri. & Sat. 6–10 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Louis Johnson.** Jazz standards and New Ethiopian jazz by this local pianist and saxophonist. On Saturdays he is joined by bassist Will Austin and other friends TBA.

Café Verde
214 N. Fourth Ave. 994–9174

This café in the People's Food Co-op features acoustic musicians and duos, Thurs. 6–8 p.m. No cover, no dancing. August schedule TBA.

The Cavern Club
210 S. First St. 913–8890

This downtown basement club in the Celebration Cellars banquet space features occasional live music, 10 p.m.–2 a.m. There is also sometimes music in the street-level Millennium Club and Gotham City and the 2nd-floor Circus Bar & Billiards. Also, karaoke in the Circus, Wed.–Sat. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Occasional cover, dancing. August schedule TBA.

The Club Above
215 N. Main 686–4012

This dance club on the top floor of the Heidelberg restaurant features live music Fri. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. & Sat. 9 p.m.–1 a.m. Also, happy hour bands Fri. 7–9 p.m. DJs with Latin dance music Sun. 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Trivia contest on Tues. 7:30–9 p.m., karaoke on Tues. 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Dancing, cover. Age 21 & older admitted (except as noted). **Every Sun.: "Fiesta Night."** DJs with banda, rancho, cumbia, and other Latin dance music genres. Also, most weeks also feature live Latin dance bands. 9 p.m.–2 a.m. **Every Thurs.: "Midwest Dueling Pianos."** A wide range of popular standards and pop hits, along with some comedy, by 2 singer-pianists. **Aug. 1: DJ Eloh.** DJ plays a wide variety of contemporary dance music. **Aug. 7: Planet D.** Ypsilanti rock cover band. 7–9 p.m. **Aug. 7: Dalinian.** Fenton alternative rock quartet. Opening acts are **Red Robe,** a Lansing post-hardcore rock trio, and **Man Mountain,** a Monroe rock quartet. **Aug. 8: "Country Night."** With a live band and/or DJ TBA. **Aug. 14:** TBA. 7–9 p.m. **Aug. 14: The Rocks Below.** Jangly pop-rock with a vintage flavor by this local quintet. Opening acts are **Dr. Unk,** a local 70s-influenced pop-rock dance band, and another band TBA. **Aug. 15: DJ Eloh.** See above. Tonight's show is a "superhero party." **Aug. 21: North Congress.** Local 5-piece guitar-driven classic rock cover band fronted by vocalist Carrie Ferrario. 7–9 p.m. **Aug. 21: Paul's Big Radio.** Rootsy country-pop band led by local singer-songwriter Paul Lippens. Opening acts are a D.C. country-rock singer-songwriter who goes by the name of **Strip Mall Ballads** and another band TBA. **Aug. 22: Rebel Soulstice.** Local trio whose music blends rock, reggae, and blues. Opening act TBA. **Aug. 28:** TBA. 7–9 p.m. **Aug. 28: Spiraling Suns.** Heavy, melodic, guitar-driven rock with some progressive and metallic underpinnings by the local trio of singer-guitarist Nick Petroff, bassist Adam Meindel, and drummer Rob Avsharian. Opening acts are **Abe Maybe,** an Ypsilanti folk-rock band, and **The Jake Prince Trio,** a local indie groove-rock band. **Aug. 29: Hullabaloo.** Veteran local ska and 80s-style pop dance quintet.

Common Cup
1511 Washtenaw 327–6914

This coffeehouse run by the University Lutheran Chapel features live music and other entertainment on occasional Fri. No cover (except as noted), no dancing. August schedule TBA.

Conor O'Neill's
318 S. Main 665–2968

Downtown Irish pub with live music Sun. 7:30–10 p.m. and Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., and a DJ on Fri. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun.: Traditional Irish Session.** All invited to join or listen to an instrumental jam session. **Every Tues.: Shaun Garth Walker.** Local singer-guitarist with an eclectic, wide-ranging repertoire. **Aug. 1: Jerry & the Juveniles.** Classic 60s & 70s pop-rock by this local band led by guitarist Jerry Sprague and featuring his two sons on bass and drums. **Aug. 6: Brother Crowe.** Americana folk-rock originals by this Detroit singer-songwriter duo that also performs traditional Irish songs as Bruno's Boys. **Aug. 8: Kevin & the Glen Levens.** Local quartet whose eclectic repertoire ranges from traditional Irish music to rockabilly, bluegrass, novelty songs, and roots-rock originals. **Aug. 13: Adam Labeaux.** See Old Town. **Aug. 15: Corndaddy.** Local alt-country band led by singer-songwriters Kevin Brown and Jud Branam whose music filters early 70s country-rock through the influences of bluegrass, power pop, and British Invasion bombast. **Aug. 20: Bob Skon.** Folk-rock covers and originals by this local singer-songwriter known for his wry songs about love and loss. **Aug. 22: Judson Branam Blues Trio.** Local blues trio led by drummer Judson Branam IV. **Aug. 27: Reeds & Steel.** Acoustic jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by the duo of singer and harmonica player Michael May and guitarist Jimmy Alter.

Crazy Wisdom Tea Room
114 S. Main 665–9468

Tea room above Crazy Wisdom Bookstore features live music, Fri. & Sat. 8:30–10:30 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Aug. 1: Judy Insley.** Veteran Oakland County pop-folk singer-songwriter. She is joined on some songs by other area musicians, including Maggie Ferguson, Kathy Wieland, and Dave Falk. **Aug. 7: Kerry Patrick Clark.** Veteran Ohio-bred pop-folk singer-songwriter. **Aug. 8: Holstein Highway.** Acoustic roots-oriented Americana by the duo of former Delta Twins frontmen Bob Young and Tom Kozanecki. **Aug. 14: Annie & Rod Capps.** Annie Capps is a local singer-songwriter and electric guitarist who writes thoughtful, distinctively personal, warmly exuberant folk-rock songs and ballads that are both musically sophisticated and down-home. She's accompanied by her husband, singer-guitarist Rod Capps, and tonight they are joined by mandolinist **Jason Dennie,** who also sings harmony vocals. The Capps have a new CD, *Searching for Neverland.* **Aug. 15: Bill Edwards.** A local country singer-songwriter whose songs have been covered by the likes of Lee Roy Parnell and T. Graham Brown, Edwards is joined by 2 other talented local country-oriented singer-songwriters, **Jennifer Jean Smith** and **John Holk. Aug. 21: David Nefesh.** Veteran folk-rock singer-songwriter from Royal Oak, an 8-time Detroit Music Award nominee. **Aug. 22: Katie Pederson.** Local singer-songwriter and pianist whose influences include Sara Bareilles, Ben Folds, John Mayer, and Jon McLaughlin. Her repertoire also includes pop covers from the past 50 years. **Aug. 28: Dan Hazlett.** Detroit-area singer-songwriter and guitarist who plays blues-, R&B-, folk-, and jazz-influenced originals on topics that range from the outlandish to the sublime. **Aug. 29: John Churchville.** Local tabla player, accompanied by several musician friends, who plays Indian classical, light classical, fusion, and folk music.

Crossroads
517 W. Cross, Ypsilanti 340–5597

This bar & grill near EMU features live music Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. 9 p.m.–2 a.m. DJ with Motown records Mon. 9 p.m.–2 a.m. and "Hari Karaoke" (except as noted) Thurs. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover (Thurs.–Sat. only), dancing. **Every Tues.: "Showcase Tuesday."** With up-and-coming local bands TBA. **Aug. 5: Blues Jam.** Hosted by **Blues Dog Inquisition,** an Ypsilanti quintet that plays hard-driving classic Chicago blues. All blues players invited. **Aug. 17: All the Wild Children.** Detroit postpunk rock 'n' roll quartet. Opening acts are the local stoner doom metal trio **Wizard Union,** the Lakeview instrumental stoner rock duo **Trollhammer,** and the Detroit psychedelic blues-rock duo **Wormhole. Aug. 12: "Acoustic Open Mike."** All acoustic musicians invited. **Aug. 19: Blues Jam.** See above. **Aug. 26: "Acoustic Open Mike."** See above. Remainder of August schedule TBA.

Dreamland Theater
26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti 657–2337

This downtown Ypsilanti theater features occasional live music. Cover (usually a donation), no dancing. August schedule TBA.

The Earle
121 W. Washington 994–0211

Restaurant with live jazz Tues.–Thurs. 7–9 p.m., Fri. & Sat, 8–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Tues.: Keaton Royer.** Solo jazz pianist. **Every Wed. & Thurs.: Jake Reichbart.** Solo guitarist. **Every Fri. & Sat.: Rick Burgess Trio.** Jazz ensemble, named after the late jazz pianist and Earle cofounder Burgess, featuring pianist Gil Scott Chapman, bassist Russell Tessier, and drummer Robert Warren.

The Elks Lodge
220 Sunset 761–7172

This basement venue in the James L. Crawford Elks Lodge rec room features soul food and live jazz, blues, & rock Fri. & Sat. 6–10 p.m. Also, DJs, Fri. & Sat. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Dancing, usually no cover except for DJ shows. Members and guests welcome.

Guy Hollerin's
3600 Plymouth Rd. 769–9800

The restaurant in the North Campus Holiday Inn features music on Sat. (except holiday weekends), 8 p.m.–midnight. Cover, dancing. **Aug. 1: Steve Nardella Rock 'n' Roll Trio.** Ann Arbor's most passionate and compelling roots-rocker performs fiercely cathartic, blues-drenched reworkings of rock 'n' roll and rockabilly classics and obscure gems, along with some authentic Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker blues. **Aug. 8: The Chris Canas Band.** Detroit blues band fronted by young blues vocalist and virtuoso guitarist Canas. **Aug. 15: Bobby Murray Band.** R&B band led by singer-guitarist Murray, who was the regular guitarist in Etta James' band. **Aug. 22: Root Doctor.** Lansing quintet led by vocalist Freddie Cunningham that plays a rich, varied blues and R&B repertoire that ranges from ZZ Hill to Billie Holiday to B.B. King to Bobby "Blue" Bland. **Aug. 29: Cee Cee Collins & the Paul Carey Organ Trio.** Veteran Detroit blueswoman Collins is backed by a trio led by veteran Detroit guitarist Carey and featuring Hammond B-3 organist Jim Alfredson.

The Habitat Lounge
3050 Jackson Rd. 665–3636

The lounge at Weber's Inn features dance bands Tues.–Thurs. 8:45 p.m.–12:30 a.m. and Fri. & Sat. 8:45 p.m.–1:30 a.m., along with jazz Sun. 7–11 p.m. Also, a DJ Mon., 7 p.m.–midnight, and solo pianists Tues.–Sun., 6–8:45 p.m. Dancing, no cover. **Every Sun.: James Cornelison Quartet.** Jazz originals and standards by this U-M music student ensemble led by electric guitarist Cornelison. **Every Thurs.: Laith Al-Saadi.** See Black Pearl. **July 31 & Aug. 1: Big Ray & Motor City Kings.** An eclectic mix of rock, soul, blues, and Motown by this Downriver quintet fronted by singer-saxophonist Big Ray Haywood. **Aug. 4 & 5: Mark Chichkan Duo.**

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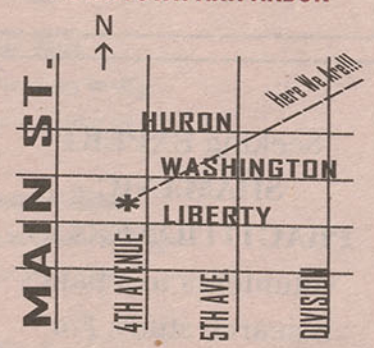

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Rock duo led by veteran Windsor singer-guitarist Chichkan. **Aug. 7 & 8: Big Will & 360 Degrees.** Versatile pop dance septet from Troy, fronted by singer-keyboardists William Elijah and Diana McNary, whose repertoire ranges from R&B, rock, and hip-hop to Latin, jazz standards, and New Country. **Aug. 11: Scottie Alexander Duo.** Pop-rock covers by everyone from Elton John and Lionel Richie to Matchbox Twenty and Kings of Leon by this duo led by Brighton singer-pianist Alexander. **Aug. 12: Stiletto Fire.** Windsor pop-rock dance band fronted by vocalist Kerri Brown and guitarist Jeff Fab. **Aug. 14 & 15: The Front Men.** Detroit vintage-rock band. **Aug. 18 & 19: Jotown.** The stage name of veteran Detroit-area rock & soul singer-songwriter Jozef Slanda. **Aug. 21 & 22: Free Lance.** Local dance rock cover band whose repertoire ranges from Earth, Wind & Fire and Stevie Wonder to AC/DC and Guns & Roses to Maroon 5 and Bruno Mars. **Aug. 25 & 26: Slice.** Veteran East Lansing pop dance quartet. **Aug. 28: Byron in Motion.** Versatile Detroit dance band led by vocalist Byron Cancelmo. **Aug. 29: Rhythm Kings.** Horn-fired jazz-rock dance band.

LIVE
102 S. First St. 623–1443

This lounge features live music Fri. happy hour (late Aug.–May), 6:30–9 p.m., and occasional evenings. Also, DJs, Mon. & Thurs.–Sat. 10 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover (except Fri. & Sat. after 11 p.m.), dancing. **Aug. 12: Open Stage.** All musicians invited to perform 2 songs or for about 8 minutes. Sign-up begins at 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m.–midnight. **Aug. 21: Al Hill & the Love Butlers.** Revamped version of this veteran local band, led by Nashville-based Ann Arbor native Hill's wailing vocals and pumping piano, that plays various forms of roots rock and soul music. With bassist Patrick Prouty, guitarist Brett Lucas, and drummer Julian VanSlyke. 6:30–9 p.m. **Aug. 28: Drivin' Sideways.** Veteran local band fueled by Pontiac Pete Ferguson's alternately soulful and ornery vocals. Their country-based repertoire still features lots of classic honky-tonk, but they also cover everyone from Chuck Berry and Johnny Burnette to the Beatles and James Brown. With guitarist George Bedard, bassist Pat Prouty, drummer Mark Newbound, and keyboardist Jim King. 6:30–9 p.m.

Mash
211 E. Washington 222–4095

This lounge in the basement of the Blue Tractor tavern features live music Wed. 9 p.m.–midnight and Thurs.–Sat. & occasional other nights, 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Weekend happy hour music, 6–9 p.m. Dancing, no cover. **Aug. 1: Adam Labeaux.** See Old Town. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 1: Ari Teitel Band.** Detroit Americana rock ensemble led by singer-songwriter and guitarist Teitel, whose music draws on soul, funk, blues, and gospel influences. **Aug. 5: Nick Z.** Soulful, jazz-inflected pop-folk by this San Francisco–based singer-songwriter. **Aug. 6: The Shelter Dogs.** Local self-styled "lounge-a-billy" trio that plays vintage swing, rockabilly, and blues. With upright bassist Todd Perkins, guitarist Pete Bullard, and drummer Tom Twiss. **Aug. 7: Zak Schaffer.** Veteran L.A.-based pop-rock singer-songwriter. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 7: The Canastas.** Canton quintet that plays vintage jump blues, rockabilly, rock 'n' roll, and ska. **Aug. 8: Robert Johnson.** Solo acoustic folk and blues by this Northville singer-guitarist. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 8: The Bluescasters.** Veteran local quartet that plays intense, low-down blues and blues-rock. **Aug. 12: Reeds & Steel.** See Conor O'Neill's. **Aug. 13: Sonic Freeway.** Versatile Detroit-area 6-piece dance band whose repertoire includes Motown and classic and country-rock. **Aug. 14: Abigail Stauffer.** Local singer-songwriter with a rich, resonant alto voice who's known for her piercing, emotionally direct pop-folk and pop-rock songs. She has released 2 CDs. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 14: Nobody's Business.** Redford blues and blues-rock band. **Aug. 15: Mike Vial.** Local folk-rock singer-songwriter. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 15: The Chris Canas Band.** See Guy Hollerin's. **Aug. 19: Mike Vial.** See above. **Aug. 20: Laura Rain & the Caesars.** An intense fusion of funk, soul, and blues by this Detroit quintet fronted by vocalist Rain. **Aug. 21: Dave Hardin Trio.** Bluegrass-inflected pop-folk acoustic trio from Grand Rapids led by guitarist Hardin, a veteran Ohio-bred singer-songwriter who specializes in slice-of-life lyrics about the lives of ordinary people. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 21: Billy Mack & the Juke Joint Johnnies.** Local roots-rock quartet, led by former Starlight Drifters singer-guitarist Mack, whose repertoire includes originals and rockabilly, early rock 'n' roll, western swing, and hillbilly bop covers. **Aug. 22: Abigail Stauffer.** See above. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 22: Michael May & the Messarounds.** Jazz-inflected blues and blues-rock by this veteran local quartet led by vocalist and blues harpist May. **Aug. 26: The Laura Rain Duo.** Duo led by this Detroit blues and soul singer. **Aug. 27: Ari Teitel Band.** See above. **Aug. 28: Barelyon.** Soulful pop-rock by this Detroit duo. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 28: Harper & the Midwest Kind.** Blues-rock band led by Peter Harper, a blues singer-songwriter from Australia, now transplanted to Grass Lake, who plays blues harp and didgeridoo. The band has an acclaimed CD on the Blind Pig label, *Down to the Rhythm*. **Aug. 29: Dan Orcutt.** Veteran local folk-rock singer-songwriter best known through his blues-rock alter ego Nick Strange. 6–9 p.m. **Aug. 29: The Terraplanes.** Local band led by singer-guitarist Jerry Mack that plays a mix of houserocking blues, uptown swing, soulful R&B, and roots rock.

The Necto
516 E. Liberty 994–5436

This popular dance club features local and national DJs 6 nights a week, Mon.–Sat., 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Also, Friday happy hour bands (no cover) in the Red Room, 5:30–8:30 p.m., and occasional other live shows. Happy hour shows are on the back patio (weather permitting) during the summer, June–Aug. Cover, dancing. **Aug. 7 & 14: Shoot the Messenger.** Versatile honky-tonk band led by singer-bassist Chris Goerke. The band's huge repertoire includes blues, country, rockabilly, rock 'n' roll, and R&B. With singer-guitarist Steve Newhouse and singer-drummer Tom Twiss. **Aug. 21: The House Rockers.** A mix of blues, Southern soul, R&B, and 50s rock by the veteran local trio of singer-drummer Bill Shurtliff, singer-bassist Chris Goerke, and guitarist John Rasmussen. **Aug. 28: Steve Newhouse & the Nuke-a-billies.** Veteran local classic country and country-rock band.

Old Town
122 W. Liberty 662–9291

This downtown corner bar features live music Sun., Tues., & occasional other nights, 8–10 p.m. No dancing, no cover. The performers are usually accompanied by various drop-in friends. **Aug. 2: FUBAR.** 6-piece band led by guitarist Randy Tessier and featuring vocalist Sophia Hanifi. Their repertoire is an eclectic mix of originals by Hanifi and Tessier and covers of everyone from the Everly Brothers, the Yardbirds, and Dylan to priceless obscurities like Love's "Alone Again Or" and The Foundations' 1968 hit "Build Me Up Buttercup." **Aug. 4: Ben Jansson Trio.** Local jazz ensemble fronted by this Ann Arbor–bred saxophonist, a U-M music school grad. **Aug. 9: Adam Labeaux.** An eclectic mix of jazz, folk, soul, funk, and rock originals by this local singer-guitarist. **Aug. 11: Rob Crozier Trio.** Local ensemble led by keyboardist Crozier. **Aug. 16: Loose Teeth.** Local indie rock quartet fronted by singer-songwriter Greg McIntosh. **Aug. 18: Justin Walter Trio.** Local jazz ensemble led by trumpeter Walter. **Aug. 23: Timothy Monger.** Engaging local folk-rock singer-songwriter-guitarist from the Great Lakes Myth Society known for his high lonesome tunes. Monger has a CD, *Summer Cherry Ghosts,* that Allmusic calls "a sweetly nostalgic song cycle, filled with sketches of places and people he's loved, memories he treasures—in short, the ghosts of summers past." **Aug. 25: Klezmephonic.** Local klezmer quintet. With clarinetist Jennie Lavine, accordionist Will Cicola, violinist Henrik Karapetyan, guitarist Alex Belhaj, and bassist Dave Sharp. Tonight the band celebrates the release of a new CD. **Aug. 30: Charlie Weaver.** Acoustic folk music "with a touch of bluegrass and trout stream rhythms" by this northern Michigan singer-guitarist (and fishing guru), a former Ann Arborite who was a regular at the Old Town Sunday night folk jams in the early 80s.

Oz's Music Environment
1920 Packard 662–8283

This storefront next to Oz's music store features live music most Tues. 7:30–9:30 p.m. Cover by donation, no dancing. **Every Thurs.: "Guitarist Network."** All guitarists invited for a weekly jam session and group lesson that concludes with a group performance. 7:30–9 p.m. **Aug. 4: "Songwriters Open Mike."** All songwriters invited. Hosted by Jim Novak.

The Ravens Club
207 S. Main 214–0400

This downtown bar & grill features live music, Sun. 8–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing. **Every Sun.: Heather Black Project.** Vintage jazz and blues by an ensemble led by Heather Schwartz, a talented local singer whose vocal style also reflects gospel, R&B, soul, and hip-hop influences.

Rush Street
314 S. Main 913–0330

This martini lounge features nightly DJs, along with live music, first Fri. of the month 5–8 p.m., Fri. 8–10 p.m., and occasional other nights. Dancing, no cover. **Every Fri.: Legendary Wings.** Local jazz quintet that focuses on dynamic, challenging, and less commonly heard music from the modern jazz repertoire interspersed with free improvisation. The usual lineup features saxophonists Dan Bennett and Tim Haldeman, Fender Rhodes electric pianist Matt Endahl, bassist Jordan Schug, and drummer Nick Collins.

Silvio's Organic Pizza
715 North University 214–6666

This campus-area restaurant features live music Sun. 6–8 p.m., Fri. 7–9 p.m., and occasional other nights. Also, dancing to DJs with swing music (Wed., 10 p.m.–midnight) and tango music (Fri. 10 p.m.–midnight.) No cover, dancing. **Every Sun.: Will Mefford.** Improvisations on jazz standards by this local pianist. **Aug. 7:** TBA. **Aug. 14: Matt Shevrin.** Improvisational music by a small ensemble led by this local French horn player. **Aug. 21: Steve Rich & Tim Prosser.** The local duo of singer-guitarist Rich and singer-songwriter and "mandolin maniac" Prosser performs a mix of acoustic originals and traditional music. Also, guest musicians TBA. **Aug. 28: Vince Kline.** Indie rock singer-songwriter from Belleville.

Tap Room
201 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti 482–5320

This popular downtown Ypsilanti tavern features live music Thurs. 8 p.m.–midnight, and occasional Fri. & Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. No cover, dancing. **Every Thurs.: Electric Open Mike.** Hosted by **The Martindales,** a local band led by singer-guitarist Brian Brickley that plays blues and rock covers and originals. All electric musicians invited. **Aug. 7: "First Friday Concert."** With **John Latini,** a popular veteran local acoustic rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter, and **Ghost City Searchlight,** a Dearborn postpunk quartet whose music draws on Celtic and American folk idioms. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m. **Aug. 8: "Boylesque."** Drag show. 10 p.m.–2 a.m.

Vinology
110 S. Main 222–9841

This wine bar and restaurant features live jazz Thurs. 8–11 p.m. No cover, no dancing (unless otherwise noted). **Aug. 6: Nicole New.** An eclectic mix of jazz with pop and bluegrass flavors by this trio fronted by New, a Detroit vocalist known for her rich tone and rhythmic phrasing. With keyboardist Duncan McMillan and bassist Mike Palazzolo. **Aug. 13: GFK Trio.** Funky, soulful organ-based jazz by this Detroit ensemble, With organist Scott Kulik, drummer Eric Fillip, and guitarist Dan Gruszka. **Aug. 20: The Pete Siers Trio.** Led by local jazz drummer Siers, this trio of pianist Tad Weed and clarinet player Dave Bennett recently released the CD *Krupa,* a collection of songs by the legendary jazz drummer Gene Krupa. **Aug. 27: Dave Sharp Trio.** Straight-ahead jazz standards and originals by this local trio led by veteran bassist Sharp.

Wolverine State Brewing Co.
2019 W. Stadium 369–2990

This west-side brewpub features occasional live music, 8:30–11:30 p.m. No cover, dancing. **Aug. 15: UP.** Local pop band fronted by October Babies guitarist Dale King that plays originals and covers by everyone from Jack White to the Zac Brown Band to Led Zeppelin to Bill Withers.

The Yellow Barn
416 W. Huron Ouryellowbarn.com

This performance venue just west of downtown features live music most Fri. & Sat. & occasional other nights, 7:30–11 p.m. Cover, dancing. **Aug. 27: Steve DeDoes.** This veteran Ann Arbor composer-pianist leads a jazz ensemble in "The Helmholtz Project," a program of his new works that includes songs from his planned CD, *Songs for a Blues Planet.* DeDoes' core group—alto saxophonist Mattie DeDoes, bassist Leer Sobie, and drummer James Mobley—is joined on some numbers by trumpeter Art Solomon, tenor saxophonist Louis Johnson, trombonist Brian Becker, and guitarist Jim Cooney. The evening concludes with a jam session featuring the Detroit-based funk band Motor City beat. $25. **Aug. 28 & 29:** TBA. **Aug. 30: Jennifer Hall.** Soulful indie rock by a band led by this highly regarded Chicago singer-songwriter with a powerhouse voice. Opening act is **Spencer Michaud,** a veteran local singer-songwriter and acoustic guitarist whose music blends Motown, Tin Pan Alley, and folk.

Zal Gaz Grotto
2070 W. Stadium 663–1202

This Masonic social and service club hosts live music Sat. 9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Sun. 5–8 p.m., Mon. (except this month) 7–10 p.m., Tues. 5:30–8:30 p.m., & occasional other nights. Cover, dancing. **Every Sun.: Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.** This local 10-piece big band is one of the few to specialize in the old-time big-band music of the late 1920s and early 1930s associated with Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver. Arrangements by the renowned early-jazz pianist James Dapogny and tubaist Chris Smith. **Every Tues.: Paul Klinger's Easy Street Jazz Band.** Dixieland and swing by this local ensemble led by saxophonist and trumpeter Klinger.

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★**"Dexter Breakfast Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Sat.* Beginner-friendly slow-paced (22 miles) and moderate/fast-paced (30–100 miles) round-trip rides to Dexter, Chelsea, and beyond, with stops at the Dexter Bakery or Zou Zou's and Pierce's in Chelsea. A very popular ride. *Note:* Riders should be prepared to take care of themselves on all AABTS rides. Carry a water bottle, a spare tire or tube, a pump, a cell phone, and snacks. *8 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 717–0208 (Aug. 1 ride), 395–9548 (Aug. 8), 223–6042 (Aug. 15), 665–3961 (Aug. 22), 347–1259 (Aug. 29).*

★**"Dressage at Waterloo": Waterloo Hunt Club.** *July 31–Aug. 2 and Aug. 20–23.* Competitive equine ballet by skilled regional horses and riders, highlighted by graceful freestyle routines set to music. Bring your own lawn chairs; no pets. Concessions. *8 a.m.–5 p.m., Waterloo Hunt Club, Glenn at Katz (west off Mount Hope Rd. from I-94 exit 150), Grass Lake. Free admission. 426–2111.*

★**38th Annual Dixboro Fair: Dixboro United Methodist Church.** Community fair with a popular petting zoo, kids games, homemade pies, live and silent auctions, a photo booth, live music, and more. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and the restoration of the 1888 Dixboro schoolhouse. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Dixboro Village Green, Plymouth Rd. at Cherry Hill Rd. (2 miles east of US-23). Free admission. 665–5632.*

★**"Butterflies and Other Summer Insects": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** Naturalist Ron Gamble leads a hike to identify flying insects. Hat and water recommended. *10 a.m.–noon, Leonard Preserve, meet at the dead end of Union St. (north off Main west of M-52), Manchester. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★**Spanish Playgroup: Manzanitas Spanish Immersion Preschool.** Stories and songs in Spanish. Geared toward kids age 6 months to 5 years, accompanied by a parent. Siblings welcome. *Note:* new location. *10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Manzanitas, 2626 Packard. Free. 369–6563.*

★**Chime Concert: Kerrytown Shops.** *Every Wed., Fri., & Sat.* All invited to play one of 100 songs, with melodies transcribed in numbers, on the 17-bell chime's numbered keys. Ambitious players can add chords. Local chimemaster Heather O'Neal demonstrates. *10:30–11 a.m. (Sat.) & noon–12:30 p.m.*

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Thurs. Aug 6
6–8:30pm
PROJECT DROPOFF 9AM–3PM

10TH ANNUAL LEGO CONTEST AND AWARD CEREMONY
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Thurs. Aug 6
7–8:45pm

EMERGING WRITERS WORKSHOP • **THE ART AND SCIENCE OF BEING A WRITER** • How can authors block self-doubt, silence naysayers, and tap into the resources they need to finish their books? • TRAVERWOOD GRADE 6–ADULT

Sat. Aug 8
2–3:30pm

HISTORY MYSTERIES WITH MYSTERY AUTHORS Carrie Bebris, Susanna Calkins, Sam Thomas, and Anna Lee Hube • A panel of award-winning historical mystery authors, each with a newly released mystery!

Sun. Aug 9
2–3:30pm

CELEBRATED ACTRESS, WRITER, & PRODUCER CINDY WILLIAMS
Join us for this truly special event as **Cindy Williams** sits with local radio personality Lucy Ann Lance to discuss her life, career, and new book *Shirley, I Jest!: A Storied Life*, and memories from her role as Shirley Feeney in the iconic TV show *Laverne & Shirley*. This event includes a book signing and books will be for sale.

Thurs. Aug 13
7–7:45pm

DRUMMUNITY • Join **Lori Fithian** for a unique, hands-on drumming experience using a multicultural collection of drums and percussion. GRADE K–ADULT.

Sat. Aug 15
2–3:30pm

APPRECIATING WINE WITH TRADER JOE'S • Learn from local experts. The event includes a sample of finger foods that are great for pairing with wine. • MALLETTS CREEK

Sun. Aug 16
2–3:30pm

WOMEN TRAVELING SOLO: Travel Tips With Margaret Flannery of Hostelling International USA • Tips on traveling alone safely and enjoyably with special focus on budgeting, accommodations, safety, language, and cultural customs.

Sun. Aug 16
2–3:30pm

SPECIAL EVENT • **CELEBRATION CONCERT FOR AADL'S NATIONAL AWARD FOR SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY OF THE YEAR** *Featuring Blues & Boogie-Woogie Pianist Mr. B.* • Celebrate this national honor with us at a special concert with Mark "Mr. B" Braun. Learn more about WLBPD@AADL services. Light refreshments will be served. DOWNTOWN LIBRARY LOBBY *Mr. B appears by special arrangement with Great Lakes Performance Artists in Ann Arbor [www.greatlakespaa.org].*

Mon. Aug 17
7–8:30pm

POETS & PATRIOTS: A Tuneful History of the United States Through The Tale of Francis Scott Key's Most Famous Song
Celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. National Anthem at this lecture held in conjunction with the exhibit **Banner Moments: The National Anthem in American Life**.

Thurs. Aug 20
7–9:30pm

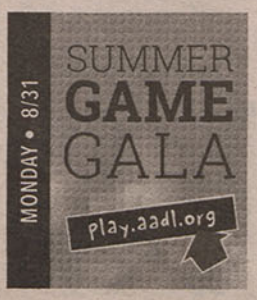
NERD NITE ANN ARBOR @ LIVE 102 S 1ST STREET • Doors open @ 6:30 pm (no cover!) and speakers start at 7 pm. Show up, have a drink and learn some new stuff. Visit annarbor.nerdnite.com for more info.

Fri. Aug 21
7–8:30pm

OUR VISIT TO TÜBINGEN • Join us for a delightful evening as members of the Ann Arbor delegation to Tübingen share colorful highlights and photos of this summer's trip to the German sister city.

Wed. Aug 26
6:30–8:45pm

SMELL AND TELL: FLEURS HYPNOTIQUE ET FLEURS EXOTIQUE
Examine the beautiful essences that can be found in the floral category of perfumery • GRADE 6–ADULT



Sat. Aug 29
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CAT CARE 101 with Miranda Bono Of The Cat's Meow Cat Cafe
What does it take to be a "cat guardian?" Coffee will be provided by Mason Jars Coffee.

Mon. Aug 31
6–8:00pm

SUMMER GAME 2015 GAME OVER GALA! Let's take the Summer Game out with a bang with a building-wide scavenger hunt, mini player-games, a free photobooth, and surprises yet to be revealed! DOWNTOWN LIBRARY LOBBY

(Wed. & Fri.), Kerrytown Market & Shops. Free. 369–3107.

Preschool Story Time: Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Every Tues. & Sat.* All preschoolers, accompanied by an adult, invited for stories. Followed by a science activity. *10:30 a.m. (Sat.) & 9 a.m. (Tues.), AAHOM, 220 E. Ann. $12 regular admission (members & kids under age 2, free). 995–5439.*

★**"Making a Good Impression": U-M Natural History Museum.** *Every Sat. & Sun.* Hands-on 20-minute family-oriented demo exploring how fossils are created and how museum fossil casts are made. *11 a.m. (Sat.) & 3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), U-M Exhibit Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free. 764–0478.*

★**Story Time: Bookbound.** *Every Tues. & Sat. (except Aug. 4 & 8).* Linda Zimmer reads seasonal stories for kids age 6 & under. *11 a.m. (Sat.) & 6 p.m. (Tues.), Bookbound, 1729 Plymouth, Courtyard Shops. Free. 369–4345.*

★**Children's Storytime: Barnes & Noble.** *Every Sat.* Storytelling programs and occasional craft activities for kids age 3 & up. *11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**Storytime: Nicola's Books.** *Every Tues. & Sat.* An experienced storyteller spins yarns for kids age 7 & under. The Tues. storytime is geared toward preschoolers and includes a craft activity. *11 a.m. (Sat.) & 10 a.m. (Tues.), Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**"Storytime at the Museum": UMMA.** U-M student docents and UMMA staffers read stories related to the art on display. Followed by an art activity. For kids ages 4–7 accompanied by a parent. Siblings welcome. *11:15 a.m.–noon, UMMA (meet in front of the museum store), 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

U-M Natural History Museum Planetarium Shows. *Daily, July & Aug.* Various audiovisual planetarium shows. ***The Sky Tonight*** (11:30 a.m. Sat., 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun., and 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Mon.–Fri.) is an exploration of the current night sky. ***Larry Cat in Space*** (12:30 p.m. Mon.–Fri.) is a playful cartoon about an inquisitive cat that learns more than it wanted to know about life in space when it stows away on a shuttle to be with its owner. ***Waiting Far Away*** (12:30 p.m. Sat.) is an exploration about far away places both in the universe and in our imagination. ***My Universe*** (2:30 p.m. daily) is an anthology of fascinating things about the current night sky, planets, satellites, the deepest regions of space, and other aspects of the universe. *Various times, Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. $5. 764–0478.*

Draw Doubles: Local 101 Disc Golf Club. *Every Sat.* All invited to play disc golf at one of Hudson Mills Metropark's 24-hole courses. Beginners are paired with advanced players to create parity. Prizes. Discs can be borrowed at park office. *Noon, Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Rd. (between Dexter-Pinckney Rd. & Huron River Dr.), Dexter. $7 per player; free for spectators. $7 vehicle entrance fee. 449–4300.*

"Creature Encounters: Sloth!": The Creature Conservancy. *Every Sat. & Sun.* All invited to view the 2-toed sloth Poco on the conservancy's Stone Stage (2:30 & 4 p.m.). Also, a chance to see the conservancy's other animals, including a cougar, prairie dogs, kangaroos, giant tortoises, Arctic foxes, and others. Bring a snack to eat in the picnic areas, if you wish. *1–5 p.m., Creature Conservancy, 4950 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $6 (kids ages 2–12, $4; age 1 & under, free). 929–9324.*

Guided Tours: Waterloo Farm Museum. *Every Fri.–Sun.* Costumed guides lead tours of the 10-room, artifact-filled farmhouse and its outbuildings, including a recently refurbished blacksmith's workshop. The last tour begins at 4:15 p.m. *1–5 p.m., Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 13493 Waterloo-Munith Rd. (left off Clear Lake Rd. 5 miles north from I-94 exit 153), Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea. $5 (kids ages 5–12, $2). (517) 596–2254.*

★**Dinosaur Tours: U-M Natural History Museum.** *Every Sat. & Sun.* 30-minute docent-led tour of the museum's dinosaur exhibits. *2 p.m., U-M Natural History Museum, 1109 Geddes at North University. Free, but limited to the first 15 people to sign up for each tour. 764–0478.*

★**"Saturday Sampler": U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.** *Every Sat.* Docent-led tours on various themes, including **"Ancient Writing: Magic Spells, Military Discharges, and More"** (Aug. 1), **"Ascent to Civilization in the Mediterranean"** (Aug. 8), **"Faces from Antiquity"** (Aug. 15), **"Storytelling/ Discovering Narratives in Artifacts"** (Aug. 22), and **"An Introduction to the Kelsey Museum"** (Aug. 29). *2 p.m., Kelsey Museum, 434 S. State. Free. 764–9304.*

★**"Straw Bridge Engineering": Ann Arbor District Library.** All youth in grades 3–8 invited to see what sort of bridge they can make using straws and other household materials. *2–3 p.m., AADL Malletts*

New exhibits this month:

Ann Arbor District Library, Malletts Creek Branch (3090 E. Eisenhower Pkwy.). *Totems, Trees and Birds: Paintings by Betsy Beckerman and Joyce Tinkham* (Aug. 4–Sept. 10). Watercolor, acrylic, and mixed-media paintings and collages by these local artists. Mon. 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Tues.–Fri. 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun. noon–6 p.m. 327–4555.

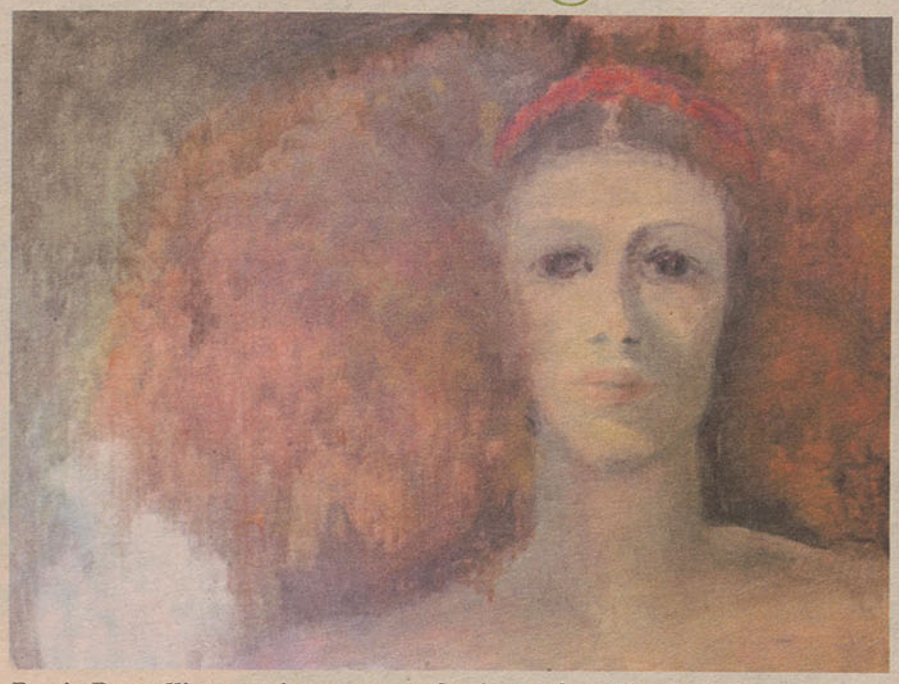
Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. *Nancy Flanagan* (Aug. 4–30). Paintings of Michigan scenes by this award-winning artist who moved here from the East Coast a couple years ago. Mon.–Fri. 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., by appointment, and during evening concerts. 769–2999.

Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. *Delicious Dishes from the Dinnerware Museum Collection* (Aug. 6–29). Reception Aug. 7, 5–7 p.m. Thurs.–Sat. 3–9 p.m., Sun. 1:30–4 p.m. 480–2787.

trustArt studios, 7885 Jackson (ste. 1). *Kip O'Krongly* (Apr. 21–23). Works by this ceramics artist. Reception and artist talk Apr. 21, 6:30–9 p.m. Other hours: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (Aug. 22 & 23) and by appointment. trustartstudios@gmail.com, 253–2551.

U-M Museum of Natural History, 1109 Geddes. *Women in Science* (Aug. 8–Dec. date TBA). Panel exhibit with colorful comic book graphics aimed at inspiring young people to work in STEM fields. Mon.–Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 763–4191.

U-M Museum of Art (UMMA), 525 S. State. *Jem Cohen: Life Drawing* (Aug. 15–Nov. 29). Photography and video installation by this New York filmmaker. Tues.–Sat. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 764–0395.



Bertie Bonnell's portraits are up at the Ann Arbor District Library downtown branch third-floor exhibit space through August 30.

WSG Gallery, 306 S. Main. *Here is to Water, with Love Supreme* (July 28–Sept. 5). Paintings by local artist Sara Adlerstein, inspired by her connection to nature and her work as an aquatic ecologist. Tues. & Wed. noon–6 p.m., Thurs. noon–9 p.m., Fri. & Sat. noon–10 p.m., Sun. noon–5 p.m. 761–2287.

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Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.

★"DIY Photo Book": Ann Arbor District Library. All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited to make a mini book to display their favorite printed photos. *2–3 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–4555.*

★Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Club. *Every Sat.* All invited to practice their juggling skills. Beginners welcome. Attendees asked to call ahead if there's inclement weather. *2:30–5 p.m., U-M Diag. Free. juggling.info@umich.edu, umich.edu/~juggle, 761–1115.*

"Strum & Drum": Oz's Music Environment. Families invited to get on stage to sing and make music on a variety of instruments. Also, at 4 p.m. a free **Kids Open Stage.** *3–4 p.m., Oz's, 1920 Packard. $15 per family. 662–8283.*

★Pittsfield Open Band: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. *Aug. 1 & 15.* All musicians invited for a contra dance music open jam. Bring Judi Morningstar's *The Ruffwater Fakebook,* Susan Songer's *The Portland Collection,* and Bill Matthiesen's *The Waltz Book* if you have them. *Note:* The Aug. 15 jam is a rehearsal for that evening's 3rd Saturday Contra Dance (see listing). *3–6 p.m. (Aug. 1) & 4–6 p.m. (Aug. 15), Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). Free. 994–9307.*

"Untangled: The True Story of Rapunzel": Performance Network Summer Star Camp. *Aug. 1 & 2.* Performance Network executive director John Manfredi directs kids from the Performance Network's summer theater camp in his and local actor James Bowen's comic adaptation of the classic fairy tale of love and deception. *3 & 7 p.m. (Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sun.), Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. $15. 663–0681.*

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. *July 30 & 31 and Aug. 1, 6–8, & 13–15.* Lauren London directs this local company in the last of 2 outdoor productions scheduled for its 5th summer season, Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis's Tony-winning musical comedy about a city in the midst of a drought so devastating that a malevolent corporation has been able to take control of all the toilet facilities. Romance and chaos intertwine in this sharp satire that takes aim not only at environmental degradation, the sophistries of the legal system, and corporate piracy but at the form of the Broadway musical. *Newsday* critic Linda Winer calls it "elevated silliness of the highest order that makes a gratifying case for the restorative return to knowing foolishness and the smartly absurd." Cast: John DeMerrel, Brendan Kelly, David Kiley, Sarah Leahy, Paige Martin, Cathy McDonald, Christina McKim, Jenna Pittman, Linda Rabin Hammell, Roy Sexton, Jeff Stringer, Maika Van Oosterhout, and Dave Woitulewicz. *7 p.m., West Park Band Shell. Tickets $10 (kids 12 & under, $7) in advance (beginning June 1) at pennyseats.org and at the gate. 926–5346.*

★"Full Moon Campfire": Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. *Aug. 1 & 29.* All invited to enjoy a family-oriented campfire in one of the largest conservancy-owned nature preserves in southeast Michigan. Bring campfire refreshments and lawn chairs; firewood appreciated. Gates open at 5 p.m. *7:30–11 p.m. (Aug. 1) & 7–10:30 p.m. (Aug. 29), LeFurge Woods, 2252 N. Prospect Rd. (1/2 mile north of Geddes), Superior Twp. Free. 484–6565.*

"Drum 4 Wellness Circle": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. All invited to join a drum circle. Bring a drum or use one provided. *7:30–9 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. $5 suggested donation. 480–1219.*

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. *Every Thurs.–Sun., July 24–Aug. 16.* Carla Milarch directs the Michigan premiere of Yussef El Guindi's satiric comedy about a talented Arab American actor who struggles to balance personal ethics and cultural pride against his professional ambitions when he is offered his first starring role in a Hollywood blockbuster—as the most stereotypically fanatical Islamic terrorist ever to grace the silver screen. Cast TBA. *7:30 p.m. (Thurs.– Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sun.), The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. Tickets (if available) are pay what you can afford, in advance at theatrenova.org and at the door. Members ($75 annual donation) receive priority access to all shows. 635–8450.*

1st Saturday Contra: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Glen Morningstar calls contras to live music by Aunt Lu & the Oakland County Allstars. All dances taught; no partner needed. Bring flat, smooth-soled shoes. *8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). $10 (members, $9; students, $5). 769–1052.*

"Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged": Purple Rose Theatre Company. *July 28–Aug. 2.* Movie and TV star, playwright, and Purple Rose founder Daniels is also a singer-songwriter whose folk-flavored originals include such favorites as "If William Shatner Can, I Can, Too," "The Lifelong Tiger Fan Blues," "State Trooper," and "Recreational Vehicle." His shows are interspersed with chats about how each song came to be. This year's show features a mix of old favorites and songs from Daniels' 2014 album, *Days Like These. 3 p.m. (July 29 & Aug. 1) & 8 p.m. (July 28–Aug. 2), Purple Rose, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Tickets $75 in advance at purplerosetheatre.org, and by phone. 433–7673.*

"Bird of Passage": Carriage House Theatre. *July 23–26 & July 30–Aug. 1.* Nathan Corliss and Mat De Lisle direct local actors in Colby Halloran's drama about a lonely writer who gets the chance to work on her book in the Maine cottage home of her late literary idol, the celebrated author of a harrowing short story about a fishing accident. As she settles in to write, she discovers that the home's former occupant is not quite finished using his residence. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sun.), Carriage House Theatre, 541 Third St. $10 suggested donation. contact@carriagehousetheatre.org, 546–6441.*

Nore Davis: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *July 31 & Aug. 1.* Local debut of this fast-rising young African American comic known for his fresh, edgy observational humor addressing family, racial, and political themes. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 212 S. Fourth Ave. $13 reserved seating in advance, $15 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

2 SUNDAY

"WolverineMan Tri": Epic Races. All men invited to compete in a mini-sprint (quarter-mile swim, 14-mile bike ride, and 1.5-mile run) or sprint (half-mile swim, 14-mile bike ride, and 5-km run) triathlon or a duathlon (14-mile bike ride sandwiched between 1.5- and 3.1-mile runs). Also, a relay sprint triathlon. Awards, medals for finishers; T-shirts, a post-race feast, goodie bags, photos, and beer (age 21 & over only). *7:30 a.m., Halfmoon Lake Beach, Hankerd Rd. (1 3/4 miles north of North Territorial Rd.), Dexter Twp. $101 (relay team, $179) in advance by July 30; $111 (relay team, $187) after July 30. $12 discount for USA Triathlon members. Entry forms available at epicraces.com. $10 annual vehicle entry fee. info@epicraces.com, 531–8747.*

★Horse Show: Spur of the Moment Club. A judged amateur riding event featuring kids and adults riding English, western, and halter styles. Concessions. *8 a.m.–about 7 p.m., Woodbine Farm, 9976 W. Liberty (east of M-52 between Parker & Guenther), Lima Twp. Free admission. spurhorseshow.com*

★"Lakes Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Fast-paced 95-mile ride along a route that passes 5 lakes west and north of Manchester. Also at 10 a.m., a slow/moderate-paced 50-mile ride (996–9461) to the same destination leaves the Manchester municipal parking lot on Ockrow (off Adrian from E. Main just west of the bridge). *8 a.m. meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 660–8800.*

★Medicinal Garden Opening: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens. *See Inside Ann Arbor, p. 11.* All invited to view Matthaei's new garden that highlights the role plants play in medicine. *10 a.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. 647–7600.*

"Farm Lunch": White Lotus Farms. Pacific Island ("Chomorro")–style BBQ lunch prepared

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OCTOBER

10/3
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10/9-11
New York Philharmonic
Alan Gilbert, music director

10/14-17
Antigone by Sophokles
starring Juliette Binoche

10/18
RSC Live in HD: Shakespeare's *Othello*

10/21
Abdullah Ibrahim & Ekaya

10/23-24
Sankai Juku

10/27
Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

10/29
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Riccardo Muti, music director and conductor

10/30
Tenebrae

NOVEMBER

11/6
Danish String Quartet

11/8
Chucho Valdés: *Irakere 40*

11/15
NT Live: Shakespeare's *Hamlet*

11/14
Youssou N'Dour and Super Étoile de Dakar

11/20
Leif Ove Andsnes, piano

DECEMBER

12/2
Takács Quartet

12/5-6
Handel's *Messiah*

12/13
RSC Live in HD: Shakespeare's *Henry V*

12/17-1/3
A Christmas Carol
National Theatre of Scotland

JANUARY

1/8
What's in a Song?
An evening of song curated by Martin Katz and featuring Frederica von Stade, David Daniels, and others

1/10
Jamie Barton, mezzo-soprano

1/11
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Pinchas Zukerman, principal guest conductor and violin

1/20
Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

1/21-23
Untitled Feminist Show
Young Jean Lee's Theater Company

1/22-23
Straight White Men
Young Jean Lee's Theater Company

1/22
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

1/27
Ms. Lisa Fischer and Grand Baton

FEBRUARY

2/2
Tanya Tagaq in concert with *Nanook of the North*

2/5
Taylor Mac
A 24-Decade History of American Popular Music: 1960s-1980s

2/6
Igor Levit, piano

2/13
Camille A. Brown & Dancers

2/14
Love is Strong as Death
UMS Choral Union and Organ
Scott Hanoian, music director and conductor

2/19
The Triplets of Belleville

MARCH

3/5
The Chieftains

3/11-12
Nufonia Must Fall
Kid Koala, DJ, producer, and graphic novelist

3/15
Apollo's Fire & Apollo's Singers
Bach's *St. John Passion*

3/19
Montreal Symphony
Kent Nagano, music director
Daniil Trifonov, piano

3/26
Bach Six Solos
Gil Shaham, violin
with original films by David Michalek

3/31-4/3
American Ballet Theatre
The Sleeping Beauty

APRIL

4/1
Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán

4/8
Jerusalem String Quartet

4/14
Mnozil Brass

4/15
Zafir: Musical Winds from North Africa to Andalucía

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★**"Sundays with Gelek Rimpoche": Jewel Heart Buddhist Center.** *Every Sun.* Talk by **Gelek Rimpoche,** an incarnate lama from Tibet who lives in Ann Arbor. *11 a.m.–noon, Jewel Heart Center, 1129 Oak Valley Dr. (between Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. & Ellsworth). Free. 994–3387.*

"Fairy Tale Gathering": The Sunday Artisan Market. Show and sale of works, including many fairy-inspired items, by more than 75 local artisans. Also, storytime with local "fairyologist" Jonathan Wright (1 p.m.), a treasure hunt, a photo booth, a fairy wands and pirate hooks craft, face painting, and more. Live entertainment by the **Detroit Irish Music Association & Dance Troupe** (noon–2 p.m.). Fairy and pirate costumes encouraged. *11 a.m.–4 p.m., Farmers Market, Kerrytown. Free admission. 913–9622.*

Magic: The Gathering Tournament: Get Your Game On. *Every Sun.–Fri.* All invited to compete in tournaments of this popular collectible card game using modern constructed (Mon.), Elder Dragon Highlander/Commander (Tues.), Legacy (Wed.), standard constructed (Thurs.), and Fate Reforged/Khans of Tarkir booster draft (Fri. & Sun.) decks. Prizes. Bring your own cards (except Fri. & Sun.). *Noon (Sun.) & 6 p.m. (Mon.–Fri.), Get Your Game On, 310 S. State. $5 (Tues., free; Sun. & Fri., $15 includes cards). 786–3746.*

★**Student Intern Summer Open House: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens.** All invited to view projects that Matthaei interns have been working on over the summer. Also, a tour of the display gardens. *1–4:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. 647–7600.*

Tour: Zingerman's Creamery. Zingerman's cheesemakers lead a tour of the facility and show how Zingerman's cheeses and gelato are made. Tastings. *2–3 p.m., Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Dr. $10. Reservations required. 929–0500.*

★**"Julian Schnabel": UMMA.** Docent-led tour of the current exhibit of works by iconoclastic New York painter and filmmaker Schnabel, who's known for his use of found materials and inventive painting techniques. *2–3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

Contact Improv. *Aug. 2, 16, & 23.* All invited to try this interactive, free-form dance style that involves a rolling point of contact between two or more people through which dancers give and share weight. It is somewhere between tango, modern dance, aikido, wrestling, gymnastics, and none of the above, and usually takes place without music. People do contact improv in any combination of genders, and there are no steps. No partner required; beginners welcome. Followed by discussion and socializing. *2–4 p.m., SOMA, 218 N. Fourth Ave., ste. 204. $5–$10 sliding scale based on ability to pay. 604–4416.*

★**"Sci-Tech": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Sun.* GameStart staff present hands-on introductions to various computer skills. *Aug. 2:* **"Video Game Design: Five Nights at Freddy's."** Learn what makes the horror game genre so engrossing and then design and make a game with a theme of your own choosing. For kids in grades 3–10. *Aug. 9:* **"Video Game Design: Minecraft Programming."** Learn how to program Minecraft using the Python programming language. For kids in grades 3–10. *Aug. 16:* **"Video Game Unreal Engine."** Learn to use this popular video game software to design your own game. For kids in grades 3–10. *Aug. 23:* **"Video Game Minecraft Modding."** Learn how to build Minecraft mods (short for modifications) using the Java programming language. For kids in grades 5–10. *Aug. 30:* **"Video Game Pokemon."** Learn about the underlying structure and strategies of Pokemon and make a new version using Unity software. For kids in grades 5–10. *2–3:30 p.m. (except as noted), AADL training center, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

"Untangled: The True Story of Rapunzel": Performance Network Summer Star Camp. See 1 Saturday. 2 p.m.

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 2 p.m.

★**"Circus Camp: Costume Design": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local artist Lizzie Lottman shows adults and teens in grade 6 & up how to design and make a costume. *3–4 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

"Sunday Afternoon Naturalists": Leslie Science & Nature Center. *Aug. 2, 9, 16, & 23.* LSNC staff lead weekly hikes through Black Pond Woods to explore different aspects of nature. *Aug. 2:* **"Insects."** *Aug. 9:* **"Wildflowers & Trees."** *Aug. 16:* **"Reptiles & Amphibians."** *Aug. 23:* **"Birds."** *3:15–4:15 p.m. Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Rd. $1. 997–1553.*

4th Annual Backyard BBQ Fundraiser: Purple Rose Theatre Company. A farm-to-table BBQ dinner with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Silent and live auctions and live music by the Chelsea folk-rock band **The Ben Daniels Band.** *3:30–7:30 p.m., Cornman Farms, 8540 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. Tickets $75 ($125 includes the 8 p.m. "Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged" performance; see 1 Saturday listing) in advance at purplerosetheatre.org/bbq. 433–7782.*

Erik Asgeirsson & Pauline Martin: Kerrytown Concert House. Virtuoso cellist Asgeirsson and internationally recognized pianist Martin perform cello sonatas by Debussy and Shostakovich. *4 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$30 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. kerrytownconcerthouse.com, 769–2999.*

★**Ann Arbor Go Club.** *Every Sun. & Thurs.* Players of all skill levels invited to play what's regarded as the world's most difficult board game. No partner necessary. Boards and stones provided. *5–9 p.m. (Sun.) & 7–11 p.m. (Thurs.), Espresso Royale, 324 S. State. Free. umich.edu/~goclub*

★**Ann Arbor Morris.** *Every Sun.* All invited to try this boisterous, jingly English ceremonial dance thought to be descended from the 15th-century Spanish *moresca.* Wear athletic shoes. *6–8 p.m., outside at the U-M campus between Rackham and North Quad. Free. Email a2morris@umich.edu to confirm. 717–1569.*

Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. *Every Sun.* All poets invited to compete in a poetry slam judged by a panel randomly chosen from the audience. The program begins with a poetry open mike and (occasionally) a short set by a featured poet. *8–11 p.m. (sign-up begins at 7:30 p.m.), Silvio's, 715 North University. $5 suggested donation. A2poetry.com*

Ballroom Dance Club at the U-M. *Every Sun.* Ballroom dancing to recorded music, including foxtrots, waltzes, cha-chas, rumbas, tangos, swing, and more. No partner necessary. Preceded at 7 p.m. by beginning lessons and practice. *8–10 p.m., Michigan Union Ballroom (Michigan League Ballroom on Aug. 9). $5 ($10 includes lessons). 763–6984.*

The UNclub Open Mike: Emergent Arts. *Every Sun., except Aug. 30.* Performances by aspiring and experienced comics from former *Tonight Show* staff writer Challis's comedy dojo. Emcee is Mark Sweetman. Refreshments. *8 p.m., The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. $5 suggested donation. emergentarts.com, 985–0875.*

3 MONDAY

★**"Preschool ArtStart": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Aug. 3 & 31.* Craft activity for kids ages 2–5 (accompanied by an adult). Siblings welcome. *10–10:30 a.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Playgroups for Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Mon.* Playgroup for kids up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. No older siblings. *Note:* Play days are also offered at the Malletts Creek (Tues. 10–11 a.m. & Thurs. 6:30–7:30 p.m.), Pittsfield (Wed. 11 a.m.–noon), and Traverwood (Fri. 10:30–11 a.m.) branches. *10:30–11:30 a.m., AADL, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Bridge: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program.** *Every Mon. & Fri.* All seniors invited to play bridge. Some experience necessary. *12:30–4:30 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

Bridge: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Mon., Wed., & Thurs.* All ages invited to play nonsanctioned (Mon.) & ACBL-sanctioned (Wed. & Thurs.) duplicate bridge. Bring a partner. Refreshments. *12:30–4 p.m. (Mon.) & Noon–3:45 p.m. (Wed. & Thurs.), Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $3 (members, $2) on Mon., $7 (members, $6) on Wed. & Thurs. 794–6250.*

Social Mah-Jongg: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Mon. & Thurs.* All ages invited to play this intricate game that uses colorful tiles. Lunch available at 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. ($5.50; age 60 & over, $3; reservations required). *1–3:30 p.m. (Mon.) & 10–11:30 a.m. (Thurs.). Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). 794–6250.*

★**ESL Conversation Group: Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.* All levels of English speakers invited for conversation. *1–2:30 p.m. (Mon.), AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd.; and 7–8:30 p.m. (Mon. & Tues.), AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy.; 6–7:30 p.m. (Wed.) & 1–2:30 p.m. (Fri.), AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower between Stone School & Packard. Free. 327–4200.*

★**Writing Group: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program.** *Every Mon.* All seniors invited to read and discuss poetry, essays, fiction, and reminiscences

The Milan Bluegrass Festival

A rare constellation of talent

Bluegrass music in its traditional form, with some combination of banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and bass, is about as grassroots as you can get in today's centralized cultural environment, where even the categories of "indie" and "alternative" are carefully curated and channeled through the machinery of electronic media. Its practitioners make a living at venues like the Milan Bluegrass Festival, happening this year on August 6, 7, and 8. Take 23 south to Plank Rd., go west, turn left on Sherman, and go down that dirt road through the cornfields until you come to a stand of trees with a lawn parking lot next to it.

Bring low lawn chairs or sit on the ground. (If it rains, the music moves into a big shed.) Take a break and eat beans and cornbread, or patronize one of the small merchandise tents. If there are CDs, you might want to pick some up—this music still intersects only inconsistently with the digital universe, although it's becoming more common there as young people drawn by folk-rock and Americana seek it out.

As the festival guide advises, "Bluegrass as a music genre is more interacted with than listened to. It says, 'Hey, let's pick.'" It's certainly true in Milan—among the rows of RVs at the KC Campground you'll hear the so-called "parking-lot pickers" doing their thing. But this year, a rare constellation of talent is an equally strong draw.

On Thursday or Saturday you can go in the afternoon, the evening, or both: the music gets underway at 12:30, and the full cycle of performers repeats starting at 6 p.m. Thursday's sets include up-and-comers: Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, Feller & Hill, the Spinney Brothers. Saturday brings a pair of powerhouses: Rhonda Vincent, who's been on stage since she was five, with her band The Rage, and the edgy Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice.

But on Friday there's just one set, at 9 p.m., by probably the hottest act in bluegrass today: Dailey & Vincent, fronted by guitarist Jamie Dailey and mandolinist Darrin Vincent (brother of Rhonda). This pair offers brilliant high harmonies, wrapped at blazing speed around intricate instrumental work. Both musicians are veterans of top bands, and when they joined forces in 2007 they found a productive arena of mutual challenge that's brought them to a point nobody else can touch on the music's virtuoso side. You haven't read about them on TMZ, but you'll marvel that music so skilled and sophisticated could spring from institutional origins so modest, even more so than those of jazz. It's a rare chance to hear musicians who are occupying the spots Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley filled a generation ago.

—James M. Manheim

they have written. *1–3 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★**"New Rider Night": Ann Arbor Velo Club.** *Every Mon.* Group ride to Dexter and back on Huron River Dr. at a relaxed 15–18 mph speed to accommodate riders who are new to group riding. Bring a water bottle, spare tube, and pump. Helmet required. *6 p.m., Wheeler Park. Free. annarborveloclub.org*

★**"Ann Arbor Downtown Group Run": Running Fit.** *Every Mon. & Thurs.* Runners of all abilities invited to join a weekly run, 3–8 miles, along varying routes. Snacks provided. Rain or shine. *6:15 p.m. (Mon.) & 6:30 p.m. (Thurs.), Running Fit, 123 E. Liberty. Free. 769–5016.*

★**"Volleyball in the Park": Ann Arbor Ski Club.** *Every Mon.* All adults age 21 & older invited to join a volleyball game. All skill levels welcome. *6:30 p.m.–dark, Burns Park (just east of the picnic pavilion), corner of Wells & Baldwin. Free. a2skiclub.org*

★**"The Civilized Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Mon.* Slow-paced "no-drop" ride, 12–18 miles, to Dexter, with a possible stop for ice cream. A good ride for beginners. Other weekly Mon. rides: **"Back Roads Ramble"** *(8 a.m., meet at 960 Forest Rd. off Country Club Dr., Barton Hills, 761–2885 & 663–5060),* a slow-paced ride, 15–35 miles, along dirt and gravel roads to Independence Lake and other low-traffic destinations. **"Paved Country Roads Ride"** *(6 p.m., meet at Pine Cross Ln. east off Parker Rd. (between Jackson & Liberty), Scio Twp. Free. 426–5116),* fast-, moderate-, and slow-paced training rides, 18–24 miles, along country roads west of town. *7 p.m. sharp, 610 Brierwood Ct. (off Arborview east of Westwood from Dexter Rd.). Free. 945–4133.*

★**"Land: A Panel Discussion": Literati Bookstore.** Progress.org executive director **Martin Adams** is joined by several writers and activists in a discussion of ***Land: A New Paradigm for a Thriving World,*** his book that proposes ways to share land in order to promote affordable housing, increased employment, a healthy economy, and a fairer world. *7 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

"21st Annual Summer Sings": UMS Choral Union. All singers welcome to join this venerable local chorus and guest conductors for a read-through of Orff's ***Carmina Burana.*** Participants practice the more difficult parts of each night's piece and, after a break, sing it in its entirety, with regional professionals singing the solos. No auditions required; music provided (or bring your own, if you have it). Refreshments. *7–9:30 p.m., U-M Walgreen Drama Center Stamps Auditorium, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. $5 at the door only. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. 763–8997.*

★**Gail Archer: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.** This Grammy-nominated Vassar College organist performs works from the 17th century to the 21st century. St. Francis also hosts organ recitals by church music director **Thomas Kean** (Aug. 10), North Carolina-based organist **Andrew Lang** (Aug. 17), **U-M students** (Aug. 24), and U-M organ professor **Kola Owolabi** (Aug. 31). *7 p.m., St. Francis, 2250 E. Stadium. Free. 769–2550.*

Tartan & Thistle Scottish Country Dancers. Jigs, reels, and strathspeys, usually with live music. All dances taught; beginners welcome. *7:30–9:30 p.m.,*

JULIAN SCHNABEL

JULY 5 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Julian Schnabel provides a major entry into work created by the painter celebrated for a visual language that brings together unexpected materials and radically unconventional techniques. The exhibition, which originated at the Brant Foundation Art Study Center in Greenwich, Connecticut before traveling to UMMA, will feature artworks from the mid-1970s to the present.

SELECTED PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. Some require registration. For more information, please visit umma.umich.edu.

UMMA and Penny W. Stamps Speaker Series Present: Julian Schnabel in Dialogue with Peter Brant
Thursday, September 17, 5:10pm
Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor

Docent Tours
Sundays, August 2,
and September 13 and 27, 2pm

In Conversation gallery discussion
Registration required by emailing umma-program-registration@umich.edu.
Sunday, September 20, 3pm with Jim Cogswell, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Professor of Art, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design

ABOVE: Julian Schnabel, *Divan,* 1979, oil, plates, bondo on wood, 96 x 96 x 12 inches. Photo by Farzad Owrang, Copyright Julian Schnabel Studio, Courtesy The Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CT.

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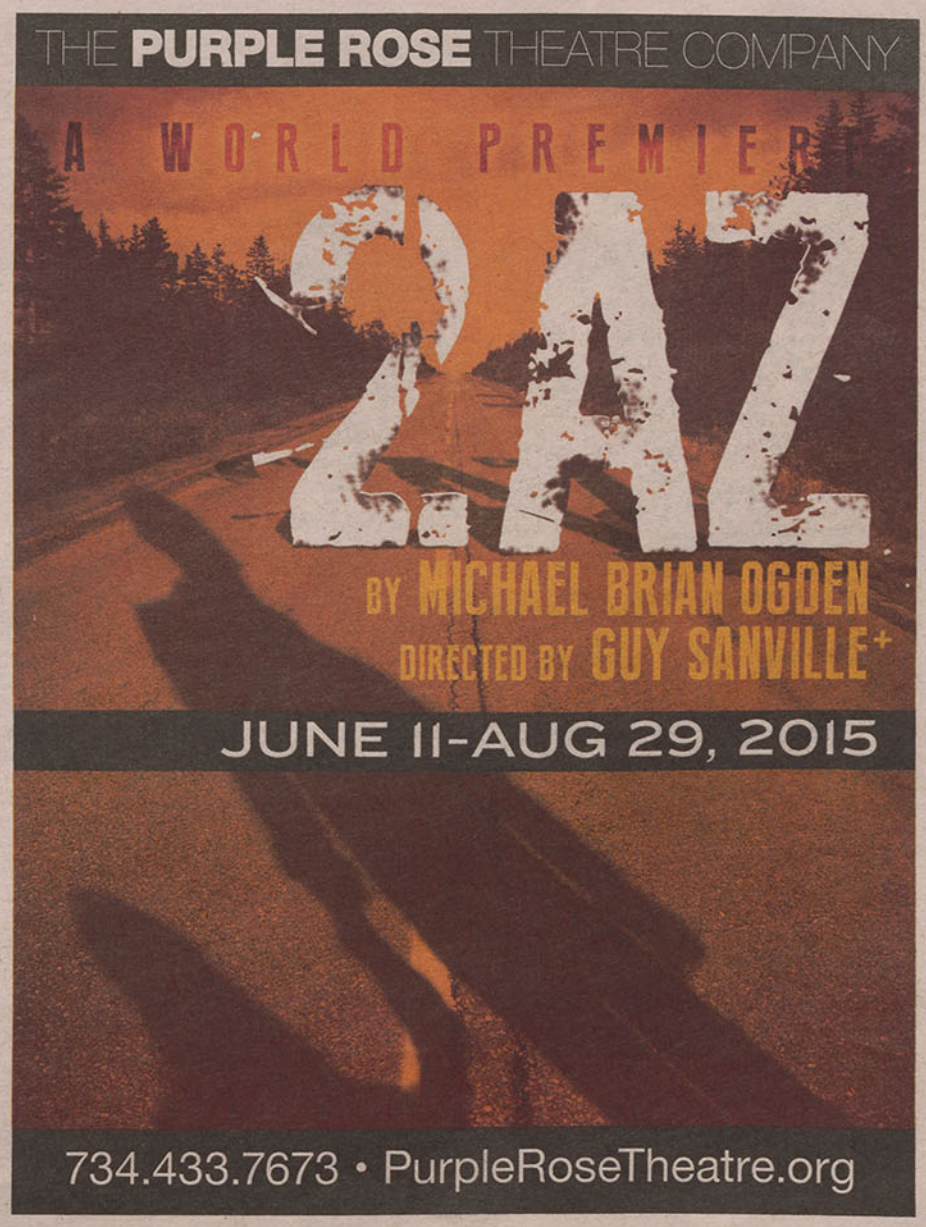

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Linosphere: Canterbury House. L.A. based electronic experimental improv band. *8 p.m., Canterbury House, 721 E. Huron. $10 (students, $5). 665–0606.*

Pub Quiz: Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Mon.* Local high school English teacher Barry Aherne throws out questions for anyone to answer at this popular weekly trivia fest. Come with a team (up to 6 people) or join one. Prizes. *8:30–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $5 team fee. 665–2968.*

4 TUESDAY

★**Primary Election.** (See "An Interesting Election," p. 29). There are contested Democratic council primaries in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th wards. *Polls are open 7 a.m.–8 p.m. If you are unsure about where to vote or need information about absentee ballots, call the county clerk at 994–2503.*

★**Preschool Storytimes: Ann Arbor District Library.** *Every Tues. & Wed.* Stories and songs for kids ages 2–5 (accompanied by an adult). *Note:* These storytimes are also offered at the Traverwood (Tues. 11–11:30 a.m., Wed. 6–6:30 p.m., & Thurs. 10–10:30 a.m.), Malletts Creek (Wed. 10–10:30 a.m.), and Pittsfield (Thurs. 7–7:30 p.m. & Fri. 10–10:30 a.m.) branches. *10–10:30 a.m. (Tues.) & 11–11:30 a.m. (Wed.), AADL youth department story room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

Scrabble: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Tues.* All ages invited to play this popular word game. Lunch available for $5.50 (age 60 & over, $3) at 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; reservations required. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 (members, free). 794–6250.*

★**Adults Tuesday: Jewish Community Center.** *Every Tues.* Activities begin at 11 a.m. with **"Energy Exercise"** ($4), a 60-minute workout led by Maria Farquhar. Also, at 1 p.m., **mah-jongg, quilting,** and other games & activities. Homemade buffet luncheon ($3) available at noon. All invited. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free (except as noted). 971–0990.*

★**"Silly Sock Monsters": Ann Arbor District Library.** Craft activity inspired by Amanda Carestio's *Never Been Stitched* for adults, teens, and youth in grade 2 & up. *1–2 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**Neil Woodward: Ann Arbor Senior Center Concerts in the Park.** Traditional and original ballads and songs by this Detroit veteran who sings in a thickly textured, soulful voice, accompanying himself on 6- and 12-string guitars, steel guitar, harmonica, mandolin, fiddle, autoharp, whistle, and banjo. Woodward was designated "Michigan's Troubadour" by the state legislature. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, & a picnic lunch. Held indoors in case of rain. *1:30 p.m., Burns Park adjacent to Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free; donations accepted. 794–6250.*

Cobblestone Farm Market. *Every Tues.* With a variety of children's activities and/or musical entertainment each week. Also, live farm animals and tours of the restored 1844 Ticknor-Campbell farmhouse and cabin. *Aug. 4:* **kids story-based yoga** (4:30–5 p.m.) and live music and an open kids Suzuki lesson by violinist **Bonnie Lyn Paige** (5:30–6 p.m.). *Aug. 11:* **Storytelling** (4:30–5 p.m.) and live music by the local blues-flavored acoustic folk-rock band **Dorkestra** (5:30–6:30 p.m.). *Aug. 18:* **Kids interactive theater activity** with Spinning Dot Theater (4–4:30 p.m.) and live music by **Dorkestra** (5:30–6:30 p.m.). *Aug. 25:* **Kids Crafts** with Fly Art Center (4–4:30 p.m.), **Kids Tai Chi** with Jonathan Buckman (4:30–5 p.m.), and **kids Suzuki violin instruction** (5:30–6 p.m.). *4–7 p.m., Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard. Free admission. (517) 745–6124.*

★**"Focus on Women: The Huron River Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Tues.* Slow/moderate-paced ride, 18–30 miles, to Dexter and back. Other weekly Tues. ride: **"Tuesday Ride to Chelsea and Beyond"** *(8 a.m., Bird Hills Park parking lot, 1900 Newport Rd., 996–8440),* a moderate-paced ride, 36–40 miles, to Chelsea for breakfast. *6 p.m., meet at Barton Park on Huron River Dr. Free. 276–0240.*

★**"Ann Arbor East Group Run": Running Fit.** *Every Tues.* Runners of all abilities invited to join a weekly run, 3–8 miles, along varying routes. Snacks provided. Rain or shine. *6:15 p.m., Running Fit, 3010 Washtenaw. Free. 548–6299.*

★**"Knit Happens": Ann Arbor Stitch 'n' Bitch.** *Every Tues.* All knitters invited to work on their projects and swap knitting tips. *6:30–8:30 p.m., location TBA at meetup.com/ann-arbor-StitchNBitch/. Free. 945–3035.*

English Country Dancing: Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. *Aug. 4, 11, & 18.* Historical and traditional English dancing to live music. All dances taught. No partner or experience needed. Bring flat, nonslip shoes (running shoes OK). First-timers are asked to arrive at 7 p.m. *7–9:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Condominium clubhouse, 3350 Green Rd. (park on Burbank). $8 (students, $4; kids age 13 & under with a parent, free). 665–7704.*

★**"Make Your Own Drop Spindle (And Learn To Spin Yarn)": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited to learn drop spinning, an ancient craft that uses simple materials to make a spindle that spins sheep's wool or other fibers into yarn. Supplies provided. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Fama Fraternitatis: The Rosicrucian Manifesto, 1614–2014": Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America.** Screening of this documentary commemorating the 400th anniversary of the 1614 publication of this anonymous document sometimes referred to as the Rosicrucian Manifesto. The film explores the spiritual and philosophical origins of this esoteric Christian movement and its contemporary relevance. German, subtitles. *7–8:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes. Free; donations welcome. 276–3381.*

★**Voices in Harmony Sweet Adelines.** *Every Tues.* All women invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local 70-member *a cappella* barbershop harmony chorus. *7–9:30 p.m., UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. (west of Rawsonville Rd. off I-94), Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($26 monthly dues for those who join). 612–7580.*

★**Spanish Readers Group: Nicola's Books.** All invited to join a discussion, in Spanish, of ***El Mundo,*** Juan José Millás's autobiographical novel based on his childhood in 1950s Spain. *7:30 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

★**Huron Valley Harmonizers Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.** *Every Tues.* All male singers invited to join the weekly rehearsals of this local barbershop harmony chorus. *7:30 p.m., Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free to visitors ($130 annual dues for those who join). Newcomers should call in advance: Greg Humbel, 445–1925.*

★**German Speakers Round Table.** *Every Tues.* All German speakers invited for conversation. *8–10 p.m., Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington. Free admission. 453–2394.*

André Mehmari: Kerrytown Concert House. This talented, award-winning young Brazilian pianist-composer is internationally known for his lyrical, dynamic style performing jazz, classical, and Brazilian popular music. His new CD, *Ouro Sobre Azul,* is a collection of works by pioneering Brazilian composer Ernesto Nazareth. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$30 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. kerrytownconcerthouse.com, 769–2999.*

Lyle Lovett & His Large Band: The Ark. Texas singer-songwriter Lyle Lovett has established himself as one of the most inventive and original voices in country music since Willie Nelson. His lyrics are distinguished by their emotionally powerful down-home imagery, acidic epigrammatic wit, and subversively ironic playfulness, and his music and song forms draw imaginatively on several traditions, from jump blues, western swing, honky-tonk, and country waltzes to folk balladry and hipster jazz. He's backed tonight by his Large Band, an agile neo-Western swing ensemble that's inflected with strong doses of gospel, R&B, bluegrass, and jazz. *8 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets $29.50–$75 in advance at Ticketmaster.com & all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (800) 745–3000.*

Opera on Tap. Local opera singers perform arias and art songs that address this month's theme, **"Feel the Heat."** *8:30–10 p.m. (seating begins at 7:30 p.m.), Sidetrack Bar & Grill, 56 E. Cross, Ypsilanti. Free, but donations accepted (buy your own food). Reservations required (call between 10 a.m. & 8 p.m.). 483–5230.*

5 WEDNESDAY

★**Chess: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program.** *Every Wed.* All seniors invited to play chess. Refreshments. *1–4 p.m., Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 998–9353.*

★**Scrabble: Ann Arbor Scrabble Club.** *Every Wed.* Word freaks of all abilities invited to drop in to play this popular word game, using the brand-new 5th edition Scrabble dictionary. Bring your own set, if you like. *5–8 p.m., Arbor Brewing Co., 114 E. Washington. Free. 994–0084, 277–7748.*

★**"West Side Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Wed.* Slow/moderate-paced 25-mile ride and a slow-paced ride, 13–18 miles, to the Dexter Dairy Queen and back. Now in its 37th year, this ride is a favorite with newcomers and casual riders. Other weekly Wed. rides: **"Early Morning Ride**

films

Note: Most educational documentaries are listed with the daily Events.

Ann Arbor Senior Center. 794–6250. 1320 Baldwin.

Every Mon.: **"Movie Matinee,"** with films TBA. $2 (members, free.) 12:30–3 p.m.

Fathom Events. 623–7469. Quality 16, 3686 Jackson.

Aug. 4, 5, 8, & 11: **"Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection 'F'"** (Tadayoshi Yamamuro, 2015). Animated martial arts action adventure about extraterrestrial villains who attack Earth. $12 in advance at fathomevents.com/event/dragon-ball-z-resurrection-f/buy and at the door. 11 a.m. (Aug. 8) & 7 p.m. (Aug. 4, 5, & 11).

Aug. 10 & 11: **"Enchanted Kingdom in 3D"** (Patrick Morris & Neil Nightingale, 2014). 3-D documentary, made for BBC Earth, exploring the extraordinary aspects of the natural world and its creatures. $17 (seniors, students, & kids, $14) in advance at fathomevents.com/event/enchanted-kingdom/buy and at the door.

Aug. 16 & 19: **"Grease"** (Randal Kleiser, 1978). The Turner Classic Movies sing-along version of the iconic musical about a tough-guy 1950s greaser who falls for a squeaky-clean Australian girl. John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. $12 in advance at fathomevents.com/event/grease-sing-a-long and at the door. 2 & 7 p.m.

Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth. $5 suggested donation. 327–0270. 704 Airport Blvd., 8 p.m.

Aug. 15: **"Spiritual Cinema."** Screening of a feature film or several shorts TBA with spiritual themes. Followed by discussion.

Jewel Heart Buddhist Center. FREE. 994–3387. Jewel Heart (1129 Oak Valley Dr. between Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. & Ellsworth), 7 p.m.

Aug. 21: **"The God Question"** (Douglas Gordon, 2014). Sci-fi drama about a scientist who asks an experimental super-intelligent computer if there is evidence for God and is astonished to get an answer. Discussion follows.

Michigan Theater Foundation. Unless there is a live show in the main theater, 2 or 3 different films are shown, usually twice, almost every night. For complete, updated schedules, see michtheater.org or call 668–TIME. Tickets (unless otherwise noted): $10 (children under 12, students with ID, seniors age 55 & older, & U.S. veterans, $8; MTF members, $7.50; weekdays before 6 p.m., $7). Michigan Theater (unless otherwise noted), times TBA unless otherwise noted.

Opens July 31: **"The Young and Prodigious T.S. Spivet"** (Jean-Pierre Jeunet, 2013). 2-D and 3-D versions of this action-adventure drama about a 10-year-old cartographer who secretly leaves his family's Montana ranch and travels across the country aboard a freight train to receive an award at the Smithsonian Institute.

Aug. 2 & 4: **"The Thin Man"** (W. S. Van Dyke, 1934). Suspenseful screwball comedy about husband-and-wife detectives who puzzle out the death of an inventor. Adapted from the Dashiell Hammett novel. Myrna Loy, William Powell, Maureen O'Sullivan. 1:30 p.m. (Aug. 2) & 7 p.m. (Aug. 4).

Aug. 7–13: **"Irrational Man"** (Woody Allen, 2015). A philosophy professor in the midst of an existential crisis discovers a new purpose in life when he strikes up a relationship with one of his students. Joaquin Phoenix, Emma Stone.

Aug. 7–13: **"Dark Places"** (Gilles Paquet-Brenner, 2015). Thriller-drama about a woman who investigates the events that led up to the brutal murder of her family when she was 7 years old.

Aug. 9 & 11: **"Star Trek: The Motion Picture"** (Robert Wise, 1979). The first in the series of feature movies based on the iconic TV sci-fi show. 1:30 p.m. (Aug. 9) & 7 p.m. (Aug. 11).

Aug. 14, 19, & 20: **"Stanford Prison Experiment"** (Kyle Patrick Alvarez, 2015). Thriller-drama about what ensues when a group of male students are randomly assigned the roles of prisoners and guards in a mock prison experiment in a Stanford psychology course.

Aug. 16–18: **"A Lego Brickumentary"** (Kief Davidson & Daniel Junge, 2014). Documentary about the global culture and appeal of Legos.

Aug. 16 & 18: **"Duck Soup"** (Leo McCarey, 1933). Marx Brothers satiric masterpiece, a crazed romp about a pointless war between the kingdoms of Freedonia and Sylvania. 1:30 p.m. (Aug. 16) & 7 p.m. (Aug. 18).

Aug. 23 & 25: **"Mary Poppins Sing-Along"** (Robert Stevenson, 1964). Sing-along version of this wonderfully uplifting magical musical about the "practically perfect" nanny who transforms the lives of the Banks children in 1910 London. Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke, Ed Wynn. With on-screen lyrics, interactive props, and a costume contest. 1:30 p.m. (Aug. 23) & 7 p.m. (Aug. 25).

Aug. 21–27: **"Gemma Bovery"** (Anne Fontaine, 2014). A well-heeled ex-Parisian hipster who's passionate about Flaubert observes an English couple whose lives seem to be inspired by Madame Bovary.

Aug. 28–Sept. 3: **"Diary of a Teenage Girl"** (Marielle Heller, 2015). Adaptation of Phoebe Gloeckner's acclaimed graphic novel memoir about a precocious 15-year-old who embarks upon an enthusiastic sexual odyssey. Bel Powley, Kristen Wiig, Alexander Skarsgård.

Aug. 30 & Sept. 1: **"Forrest Gump"** (Robert Zemeckis, 1994). Engaging Oscar-winning comedy-fantasy starring Tom Hanks as a simpleminded soul whose ingenuous approach to life brings him fame and fortune. 1:30 p.m. (Aug. 30) & 7 p.m. (Sept. 1).

Quality 16 Kids Summer Movies. $1. 623–7469. 3686 Jackson, 10 a.m.

Aug. 3–7: **"Paddington"** (Paul King, 2014). Comedy adapted from Michael Bond's popular children's book about a young Peruvian bear who travels to London, where he is adopted by a kindly family.

Aug. 10–14: **"The Lego Movie"** (Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, 2014). Computer animated adventure comedy about an ordinary LEGO construction worker thought to be the prophesied "Special" who's recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant.

State Theater. For complete, updated schedule, see michtheater.org or call 761–8667. Tickets (unless otherwise noted): $10 (children under 12, students with ID, seniors age 55 & older, & U.S. veterans, $8; MTF members, $7.50; films before 6 p.m. & midnight movies, $8).

July 31–Aug. 6: **"Infinitely Polar Bear"** (Maya Forbes, 2014). A bipolar dad tries to win back his wife by attempting to take full responsibility for their two young daughters. Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana.

Opens Aug. 14: **"End of the Tour"** (James Ponsoldt, 2015). Drama that depicts the 5-day 1996 interview between Rolling Stone reporter David Lipsky and acclaimed novelist David Foster Wallace.

Aug. 15: **"Titanic"** (James Cameron, 1997). Romantic thriller about fateful maiden voyage of the heralded ocean liner that helped usher in the 20th century. Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.

Opens Aug. 28: **"Z for Zachariah"** (Craig Zobel, 2015). Sci-fi thriller about a love triangle between the last survivors of an apocalypse.

WCBN-FM. FREE admission. 763–3500. Arbor Brewing Company (114 E. Washington), 8 p.m.

Aug. 11: **"Killer Party"** (William Fruet, 1986). Horror comedy about a sorority whose April Fools party goes horribly wrong.

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Bingo: Ann Arbor Senior Center. *Every Wed.* All invited to play bingo. Cash prizes. *6–10 p.m., Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. $2 admission. $9 per game. 769–5911.*

★"Ann Arbor West Group Run": Running Fit. *Every Wed.* Runners of all abilities invited to join a weekly run, 3–8 miles, along varying routes. Snacks provided. Rain or shine. *6:30 p.m., Running Fit, 5700 Jackson. Free. 929–9022.*

★Kerrytown Crafters. *Every Wed.* All crocheters, knitters, cross stitchers, hand quilters, and other handiworkers invited to work on their projects with other crafters. Questions welcome, help available. *6:30–8:30 p.m. or so, Sweetwaters in Kerrytown, 407 N. Fifth Ave. Free. Facebook.com/groups/KTCrafters. 926–8863.*

Ann Arbor Bridge Club. *Every Wed.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. If you plan to come without a partner, call in advance or arrive 20 minutes early. *7–11 p.m., Walden Hills clubhouse, 2114 Pauline west of Maple. (Park in the designated spaces in the lot on the north side of Pauline.) $6 per person. 769–3994.*

★"Gardening with Children": Ann Arbor Garden Club. Club member Pat McLaughlin discusses gardening ideas for parents and grandparents, including how to design a storybook garden and how to build a zoo-inspired garden. *7 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens Room 125, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. 647–7600.*

★J. Ryan Stradal: Literati Bookstore. This L.A.-based writer reads from ***Kitchens of the Great Midwest,*** his acclaimed debut novel about a young woman with an exceptional palate who becomes an iconic chef at the most popular restaurant in the country. Signing. *7 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

★Visitors Night: Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club. All invited to check out the trains whizzing around on the club's big, elaborate layout, housed in a depot restored by the club. *7:30–10 p.m., Michigan Central depot, 3487 Broad, Dexter. Free. 426–5100.*

★"Introduction to Steiner's Thought": Great Lakes Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America. *Every Wed.* All invited to join a discussion of Rudolf Steiner's *How to Know Higher Worlds. 7:30 p.m., Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave. Free. 485–3764.*

★Stark Raving MADrigal Singers. *Every Wed., June–Aug.* Singers of all abilities invited to join in singing madrigals and other Elizabethan part songs in a casual, sociable setting in a private home. *7:30 p.m., location TBA at srms2010@sbcglobal.net. Free. 973–3264, 994–3438.*

★History of Books & Printing Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. All invited to discuss ***Hothouse,*** Boris Kachka's bestselling behind-the-scenes look at Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, the highly influential publishing house that's home to writers such as Joan Didion and Philip Roth . *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

"Juke Box Jungle": Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub. *Every Wed.* Conor O'Neill's staff member Ryan Halsey hosts a music trivia quiz. Prizes. *9–11:30 p.m., Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main. $3 team fee. 665–2968.*

6 THURSDAY

★Mah-Jongg: U-M Turner Senior Wellness Program. *Every Thurs.* All seniors invited to play this intricate game that uses colorful tiles. Beginners welcome. *10 a.m.–noon, Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Rd. Free. 332–1874.*

★Older Adults Thursday: Jewish Community Center. *Every Thurs.* Activities, primarily for seniors, begin at 10 a.m. with **"Energy Exercise"** ($4), a 60-minute exercise program led by Maria Farquhar. An 11 a.m. **Current Events** discussion group led by Heather Dombey is followed at noon by a homemade dairy lunch ($3 with reservation, $4 without reservation and for nonseniors) and at 1 p.m. by a cultural or educational program. *Aug. 6:* A **UMMA docent** discusses a work on display at the UMMA. *Aug. 13:* Temple Beth Emeth cantor Regina Hayut discusses **"Entering Elul: A Preparation Guide for the High Holidays."** *Aug. 20:* A Walgreens pharmacist discusses **"Blood Pressure and Your Heart Health."** *Aug. 27:* Shrina Eadeh discusses the **Jewish Family Services Resettlement Program** that she directs. *10 a.m.–1 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free, except as noted. 971–0990.*

★"Sonic Lunch": Bank of Ann Arbor. *Every Thurs.* Musical entertainment by local and area performers. In case of rain, the shows are held in the Ark on Main Street. *Aug. 6:* **Luke Winslow King.** A Cadillac-bred Americana singer-songwriter and guitarist who currently lives in New Orleans, Winslow King specializes in a style of prewar pop music steeped in blues and jazz, along with originals in the same vein. His *Old/New Baby* was named a Top 10 Album of 2009 in the *American Songwriter* magazine editors poll, and *Pop Matters* critic John Paul calls his new Bloodshot Records CD, *Everlasting Arms,* "an album full of charming, deceptively complex arrangements and chord progressions that hearken back to a freer, looser time in American popular song." *Aug. 13:* **BØRNS.** Grand Haven–bred, L.A.-based psychedelic-popsinger-songwriter whose music is a dreamy blend of folk, glam and electro rock. He premiered his debut single, "10,000 Emerald Pools" on *Conan* in January. Opening act is **Chris Bathgate,** a talented veteran local singer-songwriter—recently returned from a 2-year hiatus—who writes heartfelt, poetic story songs in a variety of moods and modes. *Aug. 20:* **Theo Katzman.** Ann Arbor–bred, NYC-based soul-based funk-folk singer-songwriter best known as the former guitarist in My Dear Disco. Opening act is **Joey Dosik,** the former My Dear Disco keyboardist who is now a pop-soul singer-songwriter based in L.A. *Aug. 27:* **Vulfpeck.** Local instrumental funk quartet that has released 3 EPs since its members met in a U-M German literature class. Modeled on Motown's Funk Brothers, the band backed *Glee* star Darren Criss on his 2013 national tour. *11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Liberty Plaza (except as noted), E. Liberty at S. Division. Free. 214–0109.*

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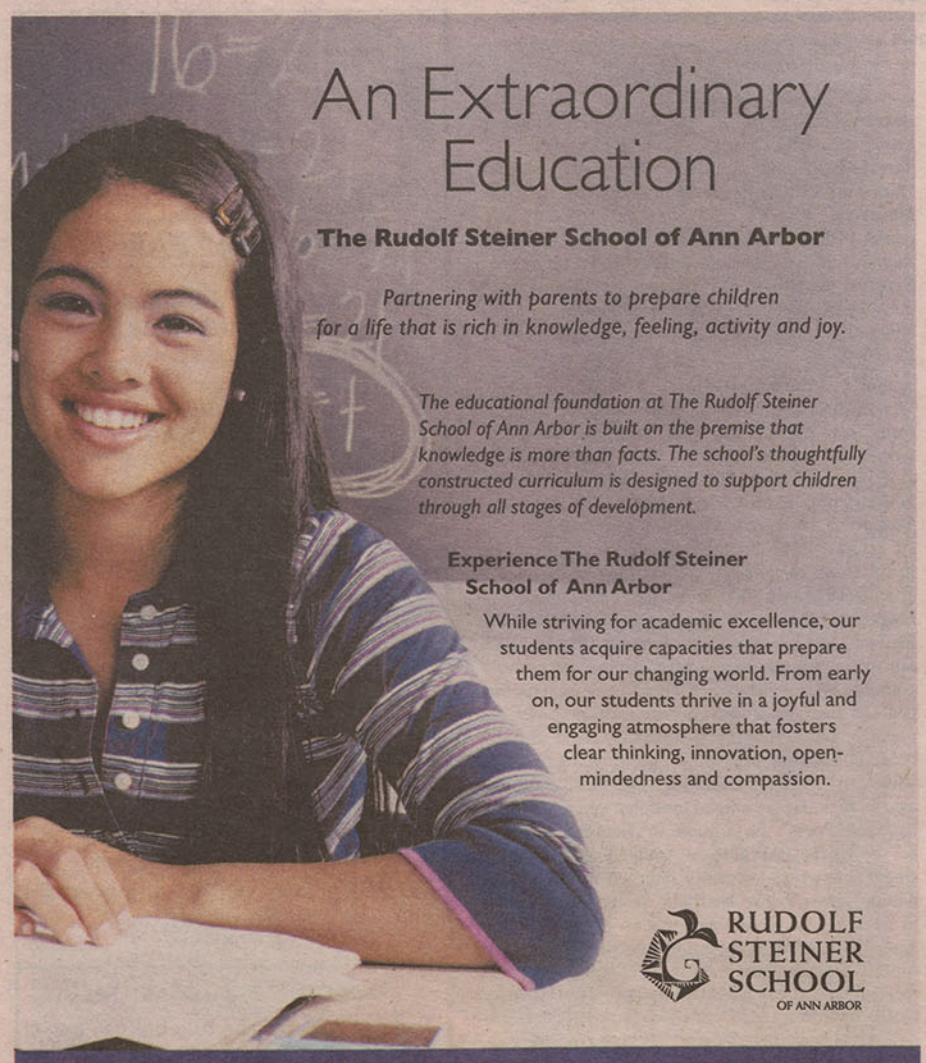
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18th Annual Milan Bluegrass Festival. *Aug. 6–8. See review, p. 63.* Three days of bluegrass music performed by leading regional and national performers. Today: **The Spinney Brothers, Nothin' Fancy, Feller & Hill, Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road,** and **Mountain Faith.** *Noon–11 p.m., KC Campground, 14048 Sherman Rd. (US-23 to Exit 25; southeast on Plank Rd.), Milan. Tickets $75 (for all 3 days) in advance by July 20, $85 at the gate for all 3 days. $35 ($25 after 6 p.m. on Thurs. & Sat. only) daily pass and $65 Fri. & Sat. pass at the gate only. Kids under 12 with parent, free. 439–1076.*

★**"Ann Arbor Thursday Northeast Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Thurs.* Slow/moderate-paced ride, 15–25 miles, through some of the area's hillier terrain. Other Thurs. ride: **"Frank Lloyd Wright Ride"** *(7 p.m., meet at 2722 Georgetown Blvd. north off Plymouth Rd. 663–5060, 668–7776, 995–5017),* a slow-paced ride, 15–18 miles, through North Campus, Barton Hills, and scenic roads north of town. *6:30 p.m., Wheels in Motion, 3400 Washtenaw. Free. 678–8297.*

★**"Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights": Chelsea Area Festivals & Events.** *Every Thurs. through Aug. 13.* Musical entertainment on 10 stages downtown, as well as **Three Generations Entertainment** with balloons and other activities for kids. The weekly musical program also includes an open mike stage. Also, street performers, a juried sculpture walk, and food vendors. The music is followed at dusk by **"SRSLY Cinema,"** screenings of teen-friendly movies. For a detailed schedule, see annarborobserver.com. *6:30–8:30 p.m., downtown Chelsea. Free. 475–1145, 433–2787.*

★**"Take a Hike!": Ann Arbor District Library.** A city natural area preservation naturalist leads a walk through the Furstenberg Native Garden to learn about native plants and trees, invasive plants, ecological restoration, and lots more. *7–8:30 p.m., meet in the parking lot off Fuller Rd. across from Huron High School. Free. 327–8301.*

ACBL Bridge: Ann Arbor City Club. *Every Thurs.* All invited to play ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge. No partner required. *7 p.m., Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. $7. 761–6691.*

★**"Emerging Writers: The Art & Science of Being a Writer": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local young adult fiction writer Lara Zielin and short story writer Alex Kourvo discuss practical approaches for coping with the difficulties writers face in completing their work. For adult and teen (grade 6 & up) fiction and nonfiction writers. Also, Zielin and Kourvo host an open house for writers to connect with each other and/or work on their projects at 7 p.m. on Aug. 20. *7–8:45 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traver at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–4555.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. *Every Thurs.–Sun., Aug. 6–30.* Dan Cooney directs professional actors in Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award–winning musical, a darkly comic reworking of several Grimm fairy tales, with a witch who raps, a bloodthirsty Little Red Riding Hood, an indecisive Cinderella, and a Prince Charming with a roving eye. The familiar fairy-tale figures venture into the woods, where they achieve their traditional fairytale triumphs but find little success in their attempts to live happily ever after. With one of Sondheim's most eclectic scores, ranging in style from jazz and vaudeville to rhapsodic ballads and operatic duets and trios. Cast: Jessica Grové, Matthew Brennan, Thalia Schramm, Karina Stribley, Sebastian Gerstner, Hannah Hesseltine, Elliott Styles, Jeff Steinhauer, Maggie Malaney, Peter Crist, Cassi Mikat, Maggie Williams, Emily Rogers, Ari Axelrod, and Tim Brayman. *7 p.m. (Thurs.), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), & 3 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), Encore, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Tickets $26 (seniors, $24; youth & groups of 10 or more, $22) on Thurs.; $32 (seniors, $30; youth & groups of 10 or more, $28) on Fri. & Sat. eve. $28 (seniors, $26; youth & groups of 10 or more, $24) for all matinees in advance at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. $15 student rush tickets (if available) an hour before showtime. 268–6200.*

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. See 1 Saturday. 7 p.m.

★**Summer Gazebo Concerts: Village of Manchester.** Local Cuban jazz quintet **Tumbao Bravo** wraps up this series of outdoor concerts in Manchester's downtown gazebo. Bring picnics, chairs, and blankets. Rain or shine. *7:30 p.m., Wurster Park gazebo (Main St. just west of M-52), Manchester. Free; donations appreciated. 428–0159.*

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 7:30 p.m.

Israeli Dancing: Jewish Community Center. *Every Thurs.* Dance instructor Cheryl Felt and DJ Amnon Steiner lead a variety of Israeli dances to recorded music. Easy dances and oldies the first hour, followed by intermediate dances and requests. Beginners welcome. New dances taught each week. Wear soft-soled shoes. *7:30–10 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $5 (students, free). 971–0990.*

★**Lego Contest Awards Ceremony: Ann Arbor District Library.** Announcement of the winners of the 10th annual AADL Lego Contest in 6 categories: preschool and grades K–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12, and adult. Also, **public display** (6–8 p.m.) of all the entries, which must be delivered to the downtown library, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. today. Rules and guidelines available at aadl.org. *8 p.m., Kensington Ct., 610 Hilton Blvd. Free. 327–8301.*

"School for Scandal": Brass Tacks Ensemble. *Aug. 6–8.* James Ingagiola directs this local ensemble in Sheridan's Restoration classic. One of the greatest comedies of the English-speaking world, it weaves multiple plot lines around the rivalry of brothers for the same woman to create a deliciously withering satire of the sentimentality and shallowness of the English aristocracy. Cast: Nan Bauer, Isaac Ellis, James Ingagiola, Jean Leverich, Cydney Marie, Amanda Photenhauer, Anne S. Rhoades, Jan Romans, Sara Rose, Rachel Toon, and David Widmayer. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sat.), Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15 (students, $5). Reservations recommended via BTEreservations@gmail.com. 769–2999.*

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Every Thurs.* Performances by up to 12 aspiring area stand-up comics. Alcohol is served. *8 p.m., 212 S. Fourth. $5 in advance and at the door. 996–9080.*

7 FRIDAY

★**"Joe's Breakfast Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** *Every Fri.* Slow-paced rides, 20 miles or more, to the Coney Island in Whitmore Lake for a 10:30 a.m. breakfast or early lunch. *9 a.m., meet in the back parking lot across the wooden bridge, Bandemer Park, Barton Dr. at Whitmore Lake Dr. Free. 476–4944.*

"US-12 Heritage Trail Sale": Saline Area Historical Society Fundraiser. *Aug. 7 & 8.* This yard sale is part of a statewide series of sales along the road between Detroit and New Buffalo. The Salvage Barn offers antique 12-pane windows, original schoolhouse lights, wagon hitches for horses, architectural elements, and odds and ends. Also, sales of crafts, antiques, linens, furniture, and more. *9 a.m.–5 p.m., Rentschler Farm Museum, 1265 E. Michigan Ave., Saline. Free admission. 944–0442.*

18th Annual Milan Bluegrass Festival. See 6 Thursday. Today's headliners are **Dailey & Vincent,** a heralded bluegrass quintet fronted by the duo harmony vocals of bluegrass veterans Jamie Dailey (a longtime lead vocalist and guitarist with Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver) and Darrin Vincent (the brother of Rhonda Vincent and a vocalist and multi-instrumentalist in Ricky Skaggs' Kentucky Thunder for 10 years), and **Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out,** a veteran neotraditionalist ensemble from northern Georgia fronted by lead vocalist and guitarist Moore that's a 7-time IBMA Vocal Group of the Year. Also, **Joe Mullins & Radio Ramblers, Flatt Lonesome,** and **Sugar Creek Bluegrass.** Noon–11 p.m.

★**Summerfest: Saline Area Chamber of Commerce.** *Aug. 7 & 8.* This downtown festival features a large craft show, live music, kids activities, contests, the **Saline Street Machines Car Show** (Aug. 8, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.), an **electric car show** (Aug. 8, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.), a **teen block party** (Aug. 8, 7–10 p.m.), a trike race (Aug. 8, 4:30–5:30 p.m.), **trolley tours** of historic homes and other sites (Aug. 8, noon–4 p.m.), a **5-km run/walk** with cash prizes (Aug. 8, 7:30 a.m., preregistration available at probilitypt.com/beattheheat5k), food, a beer and wine tent, and more. Headliners include the Detroit rock and hip-hop band **The Frontmen** (Aug. 7) and **Phoenix Theory** (Aug. 8), a Detroit rock cover band made up of members of Scoot Magoo, Fifty Amp Fuse, and Uncle Kracker. Updated schedule available at salinesummerfest.org. *5–11 p.m. (Aug. 7) & 7:30 a.m.–11 p.m. (Aug. 8), downtown Saline. Free admission. 604–0051.*

"Tea Time with a Twist": Zingerman's Creamery. Zingerman's Coffee Company staff team up with Creamery cheesemongers to discuss and offer taste samples of tea and cheese pairings. *6–8 p.m., Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Dr. $30. 929–0500.*

First Friday Shabbat: Ann Arbor Jewish Cultural Society. All invited for dinner, preceded by a brief Shabbat observance with songs, candle lighting, wine and challah, and discussion on a theme TBA. Children welcome. *6:30–9 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). $10 (family, $25). Reservations required at jewishculturalsociety.org. 975–9872.*

★**Men in Black: Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert Series.** Local classic rock and Motown cover band. *6:30–8:30 p.m., Monument Park gazebo, downtown Dexter. Free. 426–0887.*

Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing). All invited to join in song, chant, and circle dances in joyous affirmation of the unity of the world's spiritual

The Big Flush Toilet Race

Seriously silly

Wearing a maize-and-blue helmet adorned with toilet bowl brushes, and with cans of beer chilling in his toilet tank, Dain Vettese is raring to race his Kohler toilet-on-wheels in the premiere Big Flush Toilet Race. His teammates give "The Skidmark"—as they call their gravity-powered potty—a hearty push as spectators cheer from the curb on this summer evening. Toilet paper flaps in the breeze behind Vettese as he rolls down Main St. For a few moments at least, silliness reigns in Ann Arbor.

The race is part of the annual UA Plumbers and Pipefitters Block Party, which takes place on Main St. More than 2,000 UA members come to town each year for instructor training. While they're in town, they celebrate at the block party's pub crawl, enjoy live music outdoors, and host a 5 km run to benefit the Semper Fi fund for wounded veterans. The Big Flush is the newest addition to the festivities—and its participants seem as serious about having fun as they do about winning.

Ann Arbor's Randall Whitaker, unofficial Big Flush captain for UA Local 190, tied construction of the Skidmark into an apprenticeship class, and the team used four-inch steel pipe—"the same as we use in the field"—to incorporate the letters "UA" into the design. "The Brown Streak Express," hailing from West Virginia, has dubbed its crew the "Poop Patrol," and there's a plunger sprouting from the pilot's helmet. Other teams include the "Kohler Rollers" of Flint and the "Toledo Tooters." However, it is the Canadians—two dozen strong, from Vancouver—who seem to demand the most attention. Dressed impeccably in matching bowling shirts and driving caps, they arrive on the scene with a sleek silver racer named "Out for a Rip, Eh?" They say it's been several months in the making, and they've even set up a party tent to receive fans.

In the end, a tiebreaker gives Canada the win. After the race, the Canucks whoop it up outside Conor O'Neill's—clinking their beer glasses and high-fiving passersby. They credit their "superior design" for the victory—but can't agree on whether they should modify their racer for the 2015 race.

Kristy Poore of the Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau says the Canadians have indeed registered for this year's race, along with about a half-dozen other teams. Whitaker stands ready for the challenge: "We need to bring the trophy to the states!" He says his crew plans to add "better wheels" to their racer before the big day.

This year's UA Block Party runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. August 10. To check out the tricked-out toilets and to find out if any of the American teams can flush out the Canadian competition, report to Main St. by 7:30 p.m. The Big Flush immediately follows the 5 km race.

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traditions. *7–9 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. $5 requested donation. 663–2037.*

★"Hail to the Victors 2015": Literati Bookstore. Mgoblog representatives Ace Anbender, Brian Cook, and Seth Fisher discuss their new guide to the 2015 U-M football season. *7 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. See 1 Saturday. 7 p.m.

★Rudolf Steiner Study Circle of Ann Arbor. *Aug. 7 & 21.* All invited to join an ongoing discussion of Steiner's *According to Luke: The Gospel of Passion and Love Revealed.* Familiarity with Rudolf Steiner's basic ideas is helpful. *7:30–9 p.m., location TBA. Free. 944–4903.*

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 7:30 p.m.

"30th Anniversary Concert": People Dancing. *Aug. 7 & 8.* This accomplished local modern dance company celebrates its 30th anniversary with a program of repertory works by People Dancing artistic director Christina Sears-Etter and guest choreographers Jillian Hopper and Paulette Brockington of Detroit, Valerie Green of Dance Entropy (NYC), and Tanya Calamoneri of Company SoGoNo (NYC). The program includes some short films made in association with the recent Dance in the Mitten Festival's Dance in the Camera Workshop. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a dance demo (Aug. 7) and a musical performance (Aug. 8). *8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), U-M Walgreen Drama Center Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin, North Campus. $22 (youth age 12 & under, $10) in advance at peopledancing.org/thrive–30th-anniversary-concert.html and at the door. 368–7573.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"School for Scandal": Brass Tacks Ensemble. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Kevin McPeek: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Aug. 7 & 8.* Manic, wisecracking topical and observational humor by this 320-pound New York City–based monologist who likes to spar with his audience and regale it with visions of himself naked. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 212 S. Fourth Ave. $11 reserved seating in advance, $13 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

"Friday Night Swing": Ann Arbor Swing Dance Association/Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. *Every Fri.* Lindy hop, East Coast swing, Charleston, and Balboa dancing to music spun by DJs. No partner needed. Preceded at 8 p.m. by beginning lessons. *9 p.m.–1:30 a.m., Phoenix Center, 220 S. Main. $5 (students with ID, $4; $1 discount for AACTMAD members) includes lessons. 417–9857.*

★Angell Hall Observatory Open House: U-M Student Astronomical Society. All invited to peer through the telescopes in the observatory and on the Angell Hall roof and to view shows in the planetarium. Also, short astronomy presentations by club members. *10 p.m.–midnight, 5th floor rooftop observatory, Angell Hall (enter through Haven Hall on the Diag side of the building). Free. 764–3440.*

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8 SATURDAY

Hudson Mills Metropark Interpretive Nature Programs. *Aug. 8, 15, & 23.* Programs presented by Hudson Mills naturalist Mark Irish. *Aug. 8 (7:45 a.m., meet at the Dexter-Huron Metropark parking lot near the tollbooth, Huron River Dr. about 1/2 mile east of Mast Rd.):* **"Huron River Clean-Up."** All invited to help clean up the Huron River by canoe. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch provided. FREE. *Aug. 15 (8 p.m.):* **"Bats in the Night Sky."** Indoor talk about bats followed by a trek outside to look for bats living in the park. $5 (kids, $3). *Aug. 23 (9 a.m., Hudson Mills Metropark Rapid View area):* **"Hudson Mills Canoe & Kayak Race."** Approximately 5.5-mile single and tandem races with prizes for top 3 male and female finishers in each category. Categories organized by boat length. Bring your own boat. $25 entry fee. *Various times, park activity center (except as noted), 8801 North Territorial Rd., Dexter. Various fees. Preregistration required. $7 vehicle entrance fee. 426–8211.*

★**Eco-Restoration Workday: U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.** *Aug. 8 & 15.* All invited to help Matthaei staff members remove invasive plants. Dress for outdoor work. Tools provided, or bring your own. *Note:* Kids age 15 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Youth ages 16–18 must submit a permission form. *9 a.m.–noon, meet at the Arb Reader Center (Aug. 8), 1610 Washington Hts., & Matthaei (Aug. 15), 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Free (metered parking at Matthaei). Preregistration required by phone or email. tgriffit@umich.edu, 647–8528.*

★**"Antique Tractor & Equipment Show": Waterloo Farm Museum.** *Aug. 8 & 9.* Displays of everything from horse-drawn plows and steam-powered machines to modern farm equipment. Also, wagon rides, tours of the 10-room farmhouse ($3), and more. Concessions. *10 a.m.–5 p.m. (Aug. 8) & 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Aug. 9), Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 13493 Waterloo-Munith Rd. (left off Clear Lake Rd. 5 miles north from I-94 exit 153), Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea. Free. (517) 596–2254.*

★**"Nature Fun: Going on a Skull Hunt": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Shawn Severance shows bird, turtle, and mammal skulls. Followed by a hike to look for skulls. All kids invited. *10:30–11:30 a.m., County Farm Park, Platt Rd. lot. Free; preregistration required at parks.ewashtenaw.org (click on "Nature and History Programs" under the "Activities" menu). 971–6337, ext. 335.*

★**Junior Naturalists: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** *Aug. 8 & 15.* For kids ages 7–12. *Aug. 8:* **"Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers & Insects"** *(Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, north off North Territorial, Dexter),* a hike to learn about what makes a prairie different from other habitats. *Aug. 15:* **"Ice Age Mystery"** *(Park Lyndon, north lot, North Territorial 1.5 miles east of M-52, Dexter),* a hike through forest and wetland to learn about the way glaciers shaped the land. *10:30 a.m., various locations. Free ($5 vehicle entry fee at Independence Lake); preregistration required at parks.ewashtenaw.org (select "Nature and History Programs" from the "Activities" menu). 971–6337, ext. 334.*

18th Annual Milan Bluegrass Festival. See 6 Thursday. Today's headliner is IBMA Entertainer of the Year **Rhonda Vincent & The Rage.** Also, **Detour Bluegrass, Volume Five, Larry Efaw & the Bluegrass Mountaineers,** and **Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice.** Noon–11 p.m.

DIYpsi Summer Festival. Show and sale of works by local artists and live music by local bands. Live music runs noon–11 p.m. on Sat. and noon–6 p.m. on Sun. *11 a.m.–8 p.m. (Aug. 8) & noon–6 p.m. (Aug. 9), ABC Microbrewery, 720 Norris, Ypsilanti. $1 admission. diypsi.com*

★**Volunteer Stewardship Workday: Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Division.** *Aug. 8, 16, 23, & 29.* All invited to help maintain the natural areas in various city parks. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; tools, snacks, & know-how provided. Minors must be accompanied by an adult or obtain a release form in advance. *Aug. 8:* **Furstenberg Nature Area Native Plant Garden** *(1–4 p.m., meet in the parking lot off Fuller across from Huron High)* to help weed it and learn about the native plants it contains from the park steward, master gardener Aunita Erskine. *Aug. 16:* **Miller Nature Area** *(9 a.m.–noon, meet at the entrance on Arborview, just east of Wildwood off Miller)* to help clear the trails and spread woodchips. Bring a plastic sled to help with the woodchip hauling. *Aug. 23:* **Barton Nature Area** *(9 a.m.–noon, meet in the Barton Dam parking lot, Huron River Dr. from Bird Rd. via Newport Rd.)* to help remove knapweed, bittercress, and other invasive plant species. *Aug. 29:* **Stapp Nature Area** *(9 a.m.–noon, meet in the AADL Traverwood Branch parking lot, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy.)* to help remove honeysuckle, buckthorn, and other invasive plants from this mature oak-hickory forest that has not been cleared since at least 1937. *Various times & locations. Free. 794–6627.*

"Summer Splash Day": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. A family-oriented afternoon of pool games and contests. *2–4 p.m., Buhr Park Pool, 2751 Packard Rd. $5 (youth age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & older, $4). 794–6234.*

★**"Minecraft: Hunger Games": Ann Arbor District Library.** All teens in grades 6–12 invited to compete in a Minecraft Hunger Games tournament on the AADL Minecraft server with participating libraries from around the world. *2–5 p.m., AADL training center, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"The Historical Mystery Novel": Aunt Agatha's.** Aunt Agatha's owner Robin Agnew moderates a discussion with a panel of historical mystery writers on their latest books and the different historical periods in which they're set, and the art of writing historical mysteries. Panelists are **Carrie Bebris** *(The Suspicion at Sanditon),* **Susanna Calkins** *(The Masque of a Murderer),* **Anna Lee Huber** *(A Study in Death),* and **Sam Thomas** *(The Witch Hunter's Tale). 2 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Raptor Feeding": Leslie Science & Nature Center.** LSNC volunteers feed and answer questions about the center's red-tailed hawk, peregrine falcon, and other resident raptors, who may come out of their enclosures to eat. *3–4 p.m. Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Free. 997–1553.*

"Family Campout": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. *Aug. 8 & 15.* Families invited to bring tents, sleeping bags, and lawn chairs for this overnight campout. Evening activities include crafts, fishing, nature programs, a campfire with s'mores, and more. *6 p.m. until Sun. morning (tent setup begins at 2 p.m.), Rolling Hills County Park, 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Preregistration required. $7 (per person) camping fee. $5 vehicle entry fee. cooleyh@ewashtenaw.org; 484–9676, ext. 202.*

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. See 1 Saturday. 7 p.m.

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 7:30 p.m.

★**"From the Big Bang to the End of Time: Scientific Creativity and the Limits of Knowledge": U-M Physics Department.** Well-known astrophysicist **Janna Levin** discusses the seemingly insurmountable limits that have led to creative surges in science. *8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, 911 North University. Free. 763–2588.*

"Floorplay Dance Competition": Dance Tonight Ann Arbor. All invited to compete in dance competitions in several categories, including reverse-role tango, same-sex rumba, 3-person salsa, and more. Also, professional dance performances. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. *8 p.m., Footnotes, 4531 Concourse (off S. State across from the airport). $35 donation, plus $10 per couple to compete in each category. dancetonightannarbor.com, 926–0107.*

"An Eclectic Night of Music, Poetry, Improvisation, and Fun": Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Cafe 704 Coffeehouse. Performances by several local musicians, including the barbershop quartet Algorithm, local composer-percussionist Curtis Glatter, guitarist Craig Brann, and singer-musicians Laurel Emrys, Jeanne Adwani, Cindy Reedy, and Alaura Massaro. *8–10 p.m., Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. $8 ($15 for 2). 665–0409.*

"30th Anniversary Concert": People Dancing. See 7 Friday. 8 p.m.

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"School for Scandal": Brass Tacks Ensemble. See 6 Thursday. 2 & 8 p.m.

Kevin McPeek: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 7 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

★**University Lowbrow Astronomers.** *Aug. 8 & 15.* A chance to join local astronomy buffs for a look at the sky through instruments. Participants encouraged to bring their own telescopes. Visitors must turn off all electronic equipment (car radios, transmitters, phones, etc.) at the observatory entrance. Canceled if sky is overcast at sunset or if the weather is extremely inclement. *Sunset–12:30 a.m. or as long as the sky remains clear, Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Rd. (about 1 1/4 miles west of Hudson Mills Metropark), Dexter. Free. 332–9132.*

9 SUNDAY

★**"Jackson County Fair Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast-paced 100-mile ride to Jackson for breakfast at the Roxy Café before explor-

ing the 1st day of the county fair. Also at 9 a.m., a moderate-paced 76-mile ride (996–9461) to the same destination leaves from Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors (1175 S. Main, Chelsea). *8 a.m. meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 347–1259.*

Saline Antiques & Vintage Market. Show and sale of antiques and vintage items in various styles, including Americana, art deco, mission, mid-century modern, industrial, shabby chic, continental, and more. Deliveries available. Concessions. Leashed pets welcome. *9 a.m.–4 p.m. (except Sept. 12, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.), Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. $6 (children age 15 & under accompanied by an adult, free). salinemarket@gmail.com, (937) 875–0808.*

30th Annual Exotic Bird Exhibition: Ann Arbor Companion Bird Club. Display of live exotic birds from around the world, with sales of birds and bird-related items. Veterinarians and other experts are on hand to answer questions. Informational displays by representatives from various national avian organizations. Raffles. *10 a.m.–3 p.m., Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Rd. (south off Textile east of Carpenter), Ypsilanti. Admission $3 (children under age 12, free). 326–0720.*

★**Sharon Mills Tours: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.** *Aug. 9 & 23.* All invited to tour this park on the River Raisin that features an operational hydroelectric generator, a beautiful multicolored stone house, a wooden mill, and a former winery, plus spots for fishing, canoeing, and picnicking. Docents are on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the generator. *1–4 p.m., Sharon Mills Park, 5701 Sharon Hollow Rd. (between Pleasant Lake & Sharon Valley rds.), Manchester. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★**"Dancing Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** First Steps Washtenaw instructor Monica Higman leads infants through 5-year-olds (accompanied by an adult) in a program of music and movement. *1–1:40 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Barbara Fuller Memorial Picnic: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice.** Potluck picnic in memory of the ICPJ founder. Also, games and a chance to make paper cranes and lantern boats. Bring a dish to pass, your own place setting, and something to sit on. *1–3 p.m., Island Park pavilion, 1450 Island Dr. off Maiden Lane. Free. jane@icpj.net, 663–1870.*

★**Ebb Tide: Ann Arbor Senior Center Concerts in the Park.** Tecumseh-based Americana singer-songwriter quintet whose repertoire blends folksy country and rock 'n' roll originals with covers by everyone from Dylan and Roy Orbison to John Fogerty and Waylon Jennings. With guitarist Beau Buchanan, percussionist Michael Snyder-Barker, and guitarist and mandolinist Bill Connors, bassist Mike Knight, and guitarist Amanda Kellogg. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, & a picnic lunch. Held indoors in case of rain. *1:30 p.m., Burns Park adjacent to Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free; donations accepted. 794–6250.*

★**"Flowers of the Fen": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Shawn Severance leads a hike through the rare wetland to learn about plants and animals that thrive there. *2–4 p.m., Park Lyndon North, North Territorial Rd. (east of M-52), Lyndon Twp. Free. 971–6337, ext. 335.*

★**Drop-In Tour: U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.** *Aug. 9 & 23.* Docent-led tour of the galleries. *2 p.m., Kelsey Museum, meet at the Upjohn Wing entrance on Maynard (between William & Jefferson). Free. 764–9304.*

★**"Hana Hamplová: Meditations on Paper": UMMA.** Docent-led tour of the current exhibit of 1970s photographs by Czech photographer Hamplová that explore the importance of paper and the written word to civilization. *2–3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 2 p.m.

★**"Shirley, I Jest: A Storied Life": Ann Arbor District Library.** Veteran actress **Cindy Williams,** best known as the costar of the iconic 70s sitcom *Laverne & Shirley,* discusses her new memoir with WLBY 1290-AM radio personality Lucy Ann Lance. Signing. *2–3:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 p.m.

★**Booked for Murder Mystery Book Club.** All invited to discuss 2 mysteries set in 1890s Britain. Alex Grecian's ***The Yard*** follows Scotland Yard's "Murder Squad" as they suffer public contempt for failing to capture Jack the Ripper and investigate the murder of one of their own members. David Ashton's ***Shadow of the Serpent*** introduces Inspector McLevy, inspired by the real-life police inspector who's thought to have influenced Arthur Conan Doyle. *4:30 p.m., Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 769–2149.*

★**Rainbow Book Club.** All invited to join a discussion of ***The Female Man,*** Joanna Russ's sci-fi novel about 4 women from different worlds: an altered past in which the Great Depression never ended, the 1970s, a utopian earth where only women exist, and an earth where separate male and female societies are at war with each other. *4:30–6 p.m., Jim Toy Community Center, 325 Braun Ct. Free. lorrelsu@hotmail.com*

10 MONDAY

"4th Annual On Par for Life Golf Outing": ArborVitae Women's Center Fundraiser. Four-person scramble with a shotgun start. (In a scramble format, each player hits every shot from the spot of the best ball of their foursome, so lousy golfers don't have to worry about hurting their team.) Also, dinner and a live auction. *Noon, Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Rd. $250 (cocktails & dinner only, $110) in advance at onparforlife.com. 994–8863.*

★**"Viewing Night": U-M Detroit Observatory.** *Aug. 10 & 24.* All invited to peer at the night sky through antique telescopes. The Observatory dome can be opened only during mild, dry weather, so check dept.astro.lsa.umich.edu/detroit.php after 5 p.m. to see if the event has been canceled. *9:30 p.m., U-M Detroit Observatory, 1398 E. Ann at Observatory. Free. 764–3482.*

11 TUESDAY

★**"Grasses": Stewardship Network Stewards' Circle.** All invited to join an informal discussion of ways to preserve natural areas. *7:30–8:30 a.m., Bruegger's Bagels, 709 North University. Free. 996–3190.*

★**"Dinosaur Fun": Ann Arbor District Library.** Midland paleontologist Joseph "PaleoJoe" Kchodl, author of the children's book *Hidden Dinosaurs* and coauthor of the Dinosaur Detective Club series, talks about dinosaurs and shows some dinosaur and Ice Age fossils. For kids in grades K–5. *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Ann Arbor Backyard Beekeepers.** Club members discuss honeybee management, care, and honey production, as well as how to protect and enhance the local bee population. The program begins with an informal Q&A. *6:30–8:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. meghanom@gmail.com, 647–7600.*

★**Fantasy and Science Fiction/Theory Reading Group: U-M English Department.** All age 21 & over invited to discuss ***Teatro Grottesco,*** Thomas Ligotti's collection of horror stories. *7–9 p.m., 3184 Angell Hall. Free. 764–2553.*

★**"Classic Roses": Huron Valley Rose Society.** A presentation by club members. Also, discussion of new roses and Q&A. Refreshments. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. 647–7600.*

★**Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing: Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** Naturalist Ron Gamble discusses meteors and other phenomena visible in the night sky. Tonight is considered the best night for seeing shooting stars. Cloud date: Aug. 12. *9 p.m.–1 a.m., Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings, north off North Territorial, Webster Twp. Free. $5 vehicle entry fee. Preregistration required via email to stonerf@ewashtenaw.org. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

12 WEDNESDAY

★**"Venerable Van Gogh": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades 3–8 invited to learn about the post-Impressionist work of this iconic Dutch painter and then do a self-portrait in his style. *2–3:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**U-M Women's Soccer vs. Ohio State.** Exhibition match. The U-M has regular season games this month vs. **EMU** (Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m.), **Marquette** (Aug. 23, 5 p.m.), **San Diego** (Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m.), and Detroit (Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m.). *5 p.m., U-M Soccer Stadium, 2250 S. State. Free. 764–0247.*

★**"An Evening of Poetry and Written Word": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room.** All invited to read and discuss their poetry or short stories. Bring about 6 copies of your work to share. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★**Lauren Fox: Literati Bookstore.** This acclaimed Milwaukee writer reads from ***Days of Awe,*** her new novel about a woman who, in the wake of her best friend's sudden death, must face a crisis in her marriage, the fury of her tween daughter, and the possibility of opening her cantankerous heart to someone

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★History Readers Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers. EMU history professor emeritus Jiu-Hwa Upshur leads a discussion of ***Son of the Revolution,*** Liang Heng's autobiography, co-written with Judith Shapiro, about growing up during the turmoil of the Great Cultural Revolution in China. *7:30 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 369–2499.*

13 THURSDAY

★"Nature Fun: Along Came a Spider!": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission. WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner discusses different types of spiders and the adaptations that make them successful predators. Followed by a spider hunt and a spider craft. All kids invited. *10:30–11:30 a.m., County Farm Park, Platt Rd. lot. Free; preregistration required at parks.ewashtenaw.org (click on "Nature and History Programs" under the "Activities" menu). 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★"Sensation Stations": Ann Arbor District Library. All toddlers ages 18 months–3 years invited to drop in to engage their senses by scooping, pouring, squeezing, and shaking a variety of materials. *10:30–11:30 a.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★"Homefront Victory Celebration": Yankee Air Museum. *Aug. 13–16.* This 4-day celebration of the 70th anniversary of VJ Day kicks off at the Michigan Theater with **"Rosie the Riveter Revisited,"** a lecture by Wayne State University history professor emeritus Charles Hyde. Followed by a screening of the short documentary ***The Willow Run Story.*** *Aug. 14:* An **Ypsilanti street festival** (6:30–8:30 p.m.), with live music, specials at downtown restaurants, and free parking for vintage cars. Also, WWII memorabilia and ice cream at B-24's Café. *Aug. 15:* A **parade** (10 a.m.) begins at Holmes & Peabody and travels east to Ford and north to Clark to end at the Community Center (2025 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti) where a celebration includes remarks by former congressman John Dingell, performances by the **Ypsilanti Community Choir** and the **Ypsilanti Township 50-and-Beyond Dancers,** and more. Also, a **"Rosie the Riveter at Home: Life on the Homefront in Ypsilanti"** reenactment, an art display, and a **vintage baseball game** featuring the Detroiters. Grilled hot dogs available. *Aug. 16:* The **Willow Run Victory Car Show,** a memorial service, and live music by the Detroit big band **The Stardusters.** *6:30–8:30 p.m. (Aug. 13 & 14), 10 a.m.–afternoon (Aug. 15), and 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (Aug. 16), various Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti locations. Free. homefrontvictory.org*

★"Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights": Chelsea Area Festivals & Events. See 6 Thursday. 6:30–8:30 p.m.

"Micro Madness": Arbor Brewing Company Beer Tasting. A chance to sample and learn about a wide variety of beers from microbreweries around the country. Also, a drawing for beer-related prizes. The price of admission includes unlimited beer sampling and a German appetizer buffet. *7–9 p.m., ABC, 114 E. Washington. Tickets $25 in advance, $30 (if available) at the door. 213–1393.*

★"Drummunity!": Ann Arbor District Library. Local drumming expert Lori Fithian leads a drum circle for adults, teens, and kids in grade K & up. *7–7:45 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★"Summer Music Series": Saline Main Street. *July 30 and Aug. 13 & 27.* Downtown concerts by area bands. Kids activities by Two Twelve Arts Center. Outdoor seating available at some restaurants. *Aug. 13:* Local vintage jump blues, rockabilly, and rock 'n' roll quintet **The Canastas.** *Aug. 27:* **Open Mike Night.** *7–9 p.m., downtown Saline. Free. 316–2119.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. See 1 Saturday. 7 p.m.

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 7:30 p.m.

Ben Jansson Quartet: Kerrytown Concert House. This local jazz ensemble, led by composer-saxophonist Jansson, plays a mix of fiery bebop and hard driving swing. With organist Duncan McMillan, trumpeter Paul Finkbeiner, and drummer Sean Dobbins. *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $15–$30 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. kerrytownconcerthouse.com, 769–2999.*

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. *Aug. 13–16 & 20–22.* Katherine Altman directs local actors in George Bernard Shaw's perennially popular 1894 comedy satirizing romantic and nationalistic idealism. Set in war-torn Bulgaria, the action centers on the relationship between a passionate young aristocratic woman whose mind has been addled by sentimental notions of love and war and a hard-boiled Swiss mercenary who takes refuge from battle in her home. *8 p.m. (Thurs.–Sat.) & 2 p.m. (Sun.), Carriage House Theatre, 541 Third St. $10 suggested donation. contact@carriagehousetheatre.org, 546–6441.*

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

14 FRIDAY

★"43rd Annual Dexter Daze": Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce. *Aug. 14 & 15.* Festivities in Monument Park include **arts & crafts** booths (9 a.m.–8 p.m.), a **social tent** (11 a.m.–11 p.m.), a **bounce zone, rock climbing wall, Jacob's Ladder,** & more in Mill Creek Park (11 a.m.–6 p.m.), merchant sidewalk sales, a raffle, and yard sales around town. Also, entertainment at 2 stages. Today's special events include a Dexter District Library **used book sale** (noon–6 p.m.), and a **19th-century-style baseball** game between the Dexter Union and the Port Huron Welkins at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6805 Mast at North Territorial (2 p.m.). *Mill Creek Park:* Family concert by Ann Arbor singer-songwriter **Kevin Devine** (11 a.m.–noon), kids entertainer and yo-yo champion **Zeemo** (12:30–1:30 p.m.), **"Animal Magic"** by animal rescuer and magician Mark Rosenthal (2–3 p.m.), a **kids craft activity** by Learning Express (3:30 p.m.), and a **kids pedal tractor pull** (5–8 p.m.). *Monument Park Gazebo:* Local classic rock band **North Congress** (4–7 p.m.), and the veteran 70s, 80s, and 90s rock 'n' roll cover band **Most Wanted** (8–11 p.m.). *9 a.m.–11 p.m., downtown Dexter. Free admission. 426–0887.*

★"Pajama Jam": Ann Arbor District Library. All kids in grades preK–2 (accompanied by an adult) invited to come in their PJs and bring their favorite stuffed animal and blanket for a program of bedtime stories and songs. *7–7:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. See 1 Saturday. 7 p.m.

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 7:30 p.m.

"Network Palooza Weekend": Performance Network Summer Star Camp. *Aug. 14–16.* Fundraiser with silent auction and raffle. *Aug. 14:* Music by the **Michael King Group,** a band led by veteran Detroit singer-songwriter King that plays a mix of jazz, pop, and folk music. Preceded at 7 p.m. by wine & cheese appetizers. *Aug. 15:* Daylong festival featuring a dozen local and regional musical acts. *Aug. 16:* Veteran Detroit-area actor Wayne David Parker presents his one-man show ***Huck Finn's Mark Twain***. Pancake breakfast served at 9:15 & 10:45 a.m. *8 p.m. (Aug. 14), noon–midnight (Aug. 15), & 10 a.m. (Aug. 16), Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. $50 (Aug. 14) & $10 (Aug. 15 & 16). 663–0681.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. See 13 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Bill Bushart: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Aug. 14 & 15.* This Michigan native, named Best Comic in Detroit in 2010 by the *Metro Times,* specializes in wild, raunchy, politically incorrect, often hilariously demented stories and one-liners about everyday life. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 212 S. Fourth Ave. $11 reserved seating in advance, $13 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

15 SATURDAY

★"43rd Annual Dexter Daze": Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce. See 14 Friday. Today's special events include a **parade** from Wylie School down Main Street at 10 a.m., **street artists & performers** throughout the day, Dexter District Library **used book sale** (9 a.m.–3 p.m.), a **chicken barbecue** at St. James Church (10:30 a.m. until it's gone), **Gordon Hall tours** (noon–3 p.m.), and a **horseshoe tournament** ($5; signup begins at noon) at First Street Park at 1 p.m. *Mill Creek Park:* **Colors the Clown** (10 a.m.–1 p.m.), Leslie Science & Nature Center live raptors demo **"Hunters of the Sky"** (1:30–2:30 p.m.), a magic show by **A2 Magic** (3–4 p.m.), a **kids craft activity** presented by the Dexter Educational Foundation (4–8 p.m.), and **fireworks** (10 p.m.). *Monument Park Gazebo:* Blues-rock by the **Pete "Big Dog" Fetters Band** (1–3 p.m.), The Howell country quartet **Kari Holmes & the Modern Day Drifters** (4–7 p.m.), and the Detroit country-rock quartet **Two Tone Tobacco.** 9 a.m.–11 p.m.

★Death Café. All invited to join a frank conversation about death led by participants. Hosted by After Death Home Care founder Merilynne Rush. Tea & cake served. *10 a.m.–noon, Crazy Wisdom Tearoom, 114 S. Main. Free. 395–9660.*

Whit Hill

Something to dig

Whit Hill lived and worked in Ann Arbor as a singer-songwriter, dancer, choreographer and writer—including for the Observer—for decades before moving to Nashville a few years ago. She still maintains her ties here, coming back every August for Nashbash, the annual music and food festival she helped found. When Hill returns this year (on August 20), she will showcase a new pastime that has surfaced in her life since she moved south. In 2011 Hill bought a metal detector and added "metal-detectorist" to her already Renaissance-length résumé. She admits to being obsessed with her new hobby, and her latest CD is *I Dug it Up, A Collection of Songs Inspired by Metal Detecting.* Seems like a pretty narrow field to cultivate, right? Wrong.

It's a long-held truism that hidden in the microcosm is the macrocosm or, as James Joyce wrote, "in the particular is contained the universal." While Hill's songs here use the very particular language and images of metal detecting, they unearth universal themes: the battle between the sexes, the horrors of war and the longing for peace, and remembering and honoring those who have gone before us.

The CD shines with fine craftsmanship; literate lyrics with fresh rhymes and off-rhymes ("beneath the grass and the magnolias / lies the blood of soldiers"), and satisfying twists and surprise endings that would please O. Henry. The words ride sassy, strutting melodies and poignant, atmospheric ones, from the lively bluegrass of "Dig That Dime" to the grunge rock of the title track. All arrangements are expertly constructed and performed by Hill, along with her husband, Al, a terrific multi-instrumentalist, and many Nashville musicians.

The album's highlight is "Triune," named for a small town in Tennessee that was the site of a Civil War battle. Hill's narrator in this stunning song (co-written with BettySoo) is a bullet. "Don't make me fly out on that field / To kill and then to fall / If I were made for this, I wish / I'd not been made at all." When that chorus is repeated, the soldier in whose pouch it lies joins the bullet in a duet. The song can rightfully take its place alongside John McCutcheon's "Christmas in the Trenches" and Eric Bogle's "The Band Played Waltzing Matilda" as one of the finest antiwar songs ever written in English.

Sure, there are songs here that are primarily inside jokes to fellow diggers. "Aluminum … Foiled Again" for example, is about the frustrating false positives that they hear when a promising signal turns out to reveal only a chewing gum wrapper. But even then it's not much of a stretch to see that song—and Hill's hobby—as an expression and extension of the common creative process: listen for a signal, dig in the dark, uncover and bring up beauty—or not. For Hill, metal detecting has become yet another way to create art. There is no dross, only jewels on this album.

—Sandor Slomovits

★"Health & Wellness: Community Vinyasa Yoga": Ann Arbor District Library. A2 Yoga instructor Raina LaGrand leads adults and teens in grade 6 & up in a session of this style of yoga that synchronizes breath and movement. Dress prepared to work out and bring a mat if you have one. *10–11:30 a.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

★"Cattleya Maxima Orchids": Great Lakes Judging Center (Orchids). Longtime orchid judge Joe Peterson discusses this purple species also known as the peekaboo orchid or Christmas flower. *11 a.m.–noon, U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. 647–7600.*

★"Piazza Zingermanza": Zingerman's Delicatessen. *Aug. 15 & 16.* Taste samples and sale of hams, cheeses, oils, and other Italian foods, along with a kids pasta tasting. Also, demos of the ancient art of splitting open a wheel of Parmigiano-Reggiano (noon), how to make mozzarella (1 p.m.), and how to slice prosciutto di Parma (2 p.m.). Live music TBA. *11 a.m.–3 p.m., Zingerman's Events on Fourth, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Free admission. 663–3400.*

Ann Arbor Latin Festival. *Aug. 15 & 16.* Dancing to live music. Also, food, drinks, and kids activities. *1–10:30 p.m., Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Cost TBA. 277–7926 (English), 709–2371 (Spanish).*

"Professor Ray's Everyday Science": Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. *Aug. 15, 16, 29, & 30.* Museum staff give family-friendly science demos. **"Mind Over Matter"** (Aug. 15 & 16) includes experiments with extreme states of solids, liquids, and gases. **"Luminosity"** (Aug. 29 & 30) features experiments with light, such as making a dill pickle light up. *1 & 3 p.m., AAHOM Legacy Gallery, 220 E. Ann. $12 regular admission (members & kids under age 2, free). 995–5439.*

"Summer Splash Day": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. A family-oriented afternoon of water games and contests. Prizes. *2–4 p.m., Fuller Park Pool, 1519 Fuller Rd. $5 (youths age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & older, $4). 794–6236.*

★"Create Your Own Superhero": Ann Arbor District Library. Local theater instructor Jennifer Haselswerdt leads kids in grades K–3 in a series of theater games and activities to explore their own superhero identity. *2–2:45 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★"Appreciating Wine": Ann Arbor District Library. Trader Joe's wine experts offer tips on selecting and enjoying several varieties of wine. Participants are invited to Trader Joe's (2398 E. Stadium) after the talk to sample some of the wines discussed. *2–3:30 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

Roller Derby: Ann Arbor Derby Dimes. Local teams play against visiting teams TBA. *5:30 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.), Buhr Park Ice Rink, 2751 Packard. $12 in advance; $15 at the door (kids age 11 & under, free with paying adult). A2derbydimes.org*

"International Stars of Ballet": Academy of Russian Classical Ballet. A troupe of professional ballet dancers from the U.S., Russia, and Cuba, who are in the metro Detroit area for the annual Russian Ballet Festival, presents a program of classical ballet pieces and contemporary works. *7 p.m., Michigan Theater Tickets $35–$75 in advance at all Ticketmaster out-*

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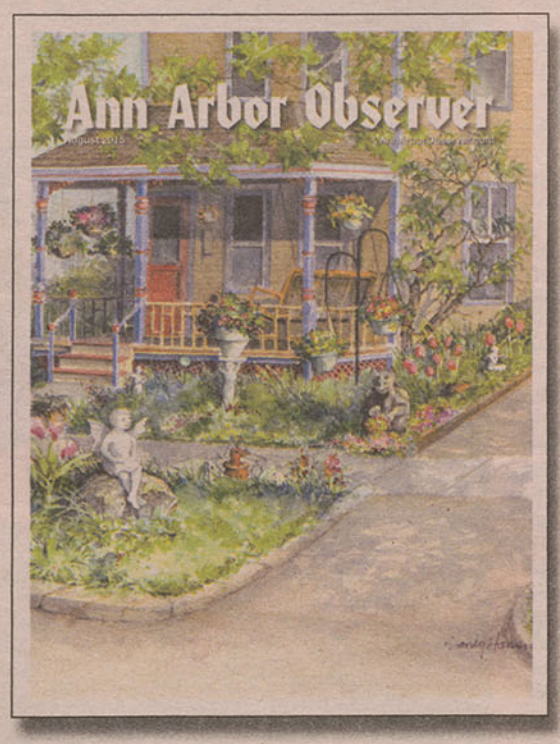

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International Folk Dancing: Ann Arbor Folkdancers. Dancing to recorded music. No partner needed; beginners welcome. The program begins with a lesson. *7–10 p.m., the barn at Gretchen's House V, 2625 Traver. $5 (students, $3). 709–8748.*

"Urinetown, the Musical!": The Penny Seats Theatre Company. See 1 Saturday. 7 p.m.

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 7:30 p.m.

3rd Saturday Contra Dance: Pittsfield Union Grange. Peter Baker and Martha vander Kolk call contras to live music by the Pittsfield Open Band. No partner needed; beginners welcome. Bring flat, smooth-soled shoes. Preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a lesson. *8–11 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). $10 (Grange members, $7). 476–4650.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. See 13 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Bill Bushart: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 14 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

Laugh Riot Dolls: Emergent Arts. An all-female cabaret-style comedy show that features stand-up by **Heather Kozlakowski,** a local comic who's known for her honest and revealing style of comedy and who has performed with Tig Notaro and Maria Bamford. With live music by the barbershop & boogie-woogie ensemble **The Little Dollies.** *9:30 p.m. (immediately following the Theatre Nova performance; see 1 Saturday listing), The Yellow Barn, 416 W. Huron. Tickets $10 in advance at emergentarts.com & at the door. 985–0875.*

16 SUNDAY

★**"Strawberry Lake Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast/moderate-paced 80-mile and 60-mile and slow-paced 37-mile rides to Strawberry Lake with a lunch stop in Hamburg. *8 a.m. (80-mile ride) & 9 a.m. (60-mile ride), meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 660–8800 (longer ride), 717–0208 (shorter ride).*

★**U-M Men's Soccer vs. Butler.** Exhibition game. *1 p.m., U-M Soccer Stadium, 2250 S. State. Free. 764–0247.*

"Brewing Methods": Zingerman's Coffee Company. *Aug. 16 & 23.* Zingerman's Coffee Co. staff demonstrate and discuss 6–8 different ways to brew coffee, from filter drip to syphon pot. *1–3 p.m., Zingerman's Coffee Company, 3723 Plaza Dr. $30. 929–6060.*

★**"Rocks in My Bed: Duke Ellington & His Music": Ann Arbor Senior Center Concerts in the Park.** Former Royal Shakespeare Company actor Cedric Liqueur draws on his collection of vintage Ellington records to present a one-man show on the life and music of the iconic jazz composer, musician, and band leader. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, & a picnic lunch. Held indoors in case of rain. *1:30 p.m., Burns Park adjacent to Ann Arbor Senior Center, 1320 Baldwin. Free; donations accepted. 794–6250.*

Family Dance: Pittsfield Union Grange. All kids, accompanied by an adult, invited for contra and square dancing to live music. Cookies & lemonade. *2–4 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). $12 per family (Grange members, free). 761–6172, 769–1052.*

★**"Kerry Tales: Laughing Dogs and Mother Goose": Kerrytown Shops.** 30-minute family-oriented program of rhymes, riddles, and stories with local storyteller Trudy Bulkley as Mother Goose. *2 p.m., Hollander's, 410 N. Fourth Ave. (Kerrytown). Free. 769–3115.*

★**"Balloon Animal Charms": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited use polymer clay to make balloon animal-style charms. *2–3 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Women Traveling Solo: Travel Tips": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by U-M Dearborn Office of International Affairs student counselor Margaret Flannery, a member of Hostelling International USA. *2–3:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Mr. B": Ann Arbor District Library.** Concert featuring world-renowned local blues pianist **Mark "Mr. B" Braun,** an exuberant, powerful performer whose repertoire includes both boogie-woogie and blues classics and originals in the same mold. In celebration of National Subregional Library of the Year award given to the Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled at Ann Arbor District Library. Refreshments. *2–3:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

Dena DeRose

The accidental singer

During the second half of the last century, musical success most often required full dedication to life on the road. This was particularly true of jazz players who traversed the country moving from club to club and the occasional concert venue, and, if fortunate, to Europe or beyond. And then there were the exceptions: people who chose to stay in their hometowns and yet managed to attain some degree of national prominence.

In the Sixties in Washington, D.C., people in the know took out-of-town visitors to hear pianist and singer Shirley Horn at clubs such as the One Step Down, where she and her longtime trio mates would play to hushed audiences. Horn eventually made recordings and attained international recognition, but she always remained a local performer at heart, preferring intimate venues where she could sing songs so slow and quiet that they seemed to stop the world for just a moment, so unhurried that even her friend Miles Davis was amazed. Horn is no longer with us, but she is revered by many modern singers, among them Dena DeRose.

DeRose, like Horn, belongs to the small club of singer-pianists whose musical persona comes from a total fusion of voice and keyboard. On the surface, the two women share some biographical traits. Both started out as classical pianists who slowly moved to jazz, and both came to sing by accident, Horn when asked to do so by a regular listener at a club, DeRose, more traumatically, when she developed medical problems and could not play the piano. Both also turned out to be mezzos. Each eventually achieved international recognition, but by very different routes. DeRose never went back to her hometown; she left the gigging life in New York to become a professor at a music school in Graz, Austria. But Horn's life growing up in segregated Washington, D.C. had little in common with DeRose's early years in Binghamton upstate and subsequent gradual climb towards recognition in New York City.

DeRose's tenth CD, *We Won't Forget You,* is an homage to Shirley Horn. It reveals her debt to the older artist, as well as the best of her own talents. She can take on a tune like "You're Nearer" in the incredibly slow and deliberate manner of Horn without losing the essential pulse but also swing with force on standards such as "You Stepped Out of a Dream." Her piano skills are so well meshed with her subtly crafted, beautiful, and often understated vocals that you simply cannot imagine her standing in front of an accompanist—though other singers have praised her keyboard skills on the rare occasions when she has provided them with backing. DeRose seems to play only with the best, and she will perform songs from her latest album on August 22 at Kerrytown Concert House with two masters: bassist Rodney Whitaker and drummer Sean Dobbins.

—Piotr Michalowski

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. See 13 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes": Theatre Nova. See 1 Saturday. 2 p.m.

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 p.m.

"Farm to Table Dinner": White Lotus Farms. Dinner prepared by local chef Jeffrey Sartor. *4–7 p.m., White Lotus, 7217 W. Liberty. $100 in advance at whitelotusfarms.com.*

★**"A Night of Broadway with Jeffrey & Jay": Aut Bar.** Outdoor cabaret performance by local singer-pianist Jeffrey Willets and tenor (and ACLU lawyer) Jay Kaplan. The program includes songs from 21st-century musicals and musicals that have been reprised in the 21st century. With mezzo-soprano **Ruth Ann Wagner** and pianist **Elisabeth Wagner.** *6–8 p.m., Aut Bar Patio, Braun Ct. Free. jvincent44@yahoo.com, 994–3677.*

17 MONDAY

★**"Fun with Friends Storytime": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local storytellers Elizabeth Pearce and Kayla Coughlin present a program of stories about friendship for kids ages 2–5. Kids invited to bring a stuffed animal friend. *1–1:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Summer Sizzle Skating Exhibition": Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club.** Performances by local skaters. *6:15–7:05 p.m., Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Dr. Free. 213–6768.*

★**"A Work in Progress": Barnes & Noble Nonfiction Book Club.** All invited to join a discussion of the young YouTube celebrity vlogger Connor Franta's recently published memoir. *7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 3235 Washtenaw. Free. 973–1618.*

★**"Poets & Patriots: A Tuneful History of the United States Through the Tale of Francis Scott Key's Most Famous Song": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by U-M musicology and American culture professor Mark Clague, curator of the current AADL exhibit *Banner Moments: The National Anthem in American Life* (see Galleries). *7–8:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Ann Arbor Stamp Club.** All invited to help club members plan for the club's upcoming annual stamp show. Also, a mini stamp auction and American Philatelic Society circuit books available. *7:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 100 Arbana (park & enter at the rear of the building). Free. 761–5859.*

18 TUESDAY

★**"Puffy Paint Rainbow Cards": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults, teens, and kids in grade 5 & up invited to decorate a greeting card with puff paints. *2–3 p.m., AADL Traverwood Branch, 3333 Traverwood at Huron Pkwy. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"The Art of Negotiation": American Business Women's Association.** Talk by Merit Network sales manager Mary Shindell. The program begins with networking and dinner. *6 p.m., Quarter Bistro, 300 S. Maple. Free (buy your own dinner). Reservations required by noon on Aug. 13 at abwa-maia.org/regform.html. walkers@umich.edu*

"Cornman Farms Summer Harvest Dinner": Zingerman's Roadhouse. Zingerman's Roadhouse chef Alex Young and Cornman Farms staff host a buffet dinner showcasing Cornman Farms vegetables, including potatoes, cucumbers, peppers, leeks, celery and tomatoes harvested earlier today from Young's multi-acre garden. With Zingerman's porchetta, an Italian stuffed and roasted pig dish. *7 p.m., Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson. $70, plus beverage. Reservations required. 663–3663.*

★**Polka Jam Session.** All accordion players and other musicians invited to play polkas and waltzes and other ethnic and old-time music. Preceded at 6 p.m. by dinner ($5–$8). *7–9 p.m., Milan Moose Lodge, 14484 Sanford Rd. (just north of Milan-Oakville Rd.), Milan. Free. 529–3903.*

★**"Circus Camp: Hand Balance": Ann Arbor District Library.** A2 Aviary staff show adults and teens in grade 8 & up how to stand on your hands. *7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Hunters of the Sky": Huron Valley Sierra Club.** A Leslie Science and Nature Center representative shows 3 live raptors and discusses their characteristics and survival techniques. Also, a chance to view and touch feathers, skulls, and other bird parts. *7:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. 665–0248.*

The Moth Storyslam: Michigan Radio. Monthly open mike storytelling competition sponsored by The Moth, the NYC-based nonprofit storytelling organization that also produces a weekly public radio show. Each month 10 storytellers are selected at random from among those who sign up to tell a 3–5 minute story on the monthly theme. August theme: **"Weddings."** The 3 teams of judges are recruited from the audience. Monthly winners compete in a semiannual Grand Slam. Space limited, so it's smart to arrive early. *7:30–9 p.m. (doors open and sign-up begins at 6 p.m.), The Circus, 210 S. First. $5. 764–5118.*

19 WEDNESDAY

"Cocktail Class: Farm to Glass": Zingerman's Cornman Farms. Zingerman's staff use heirloom tomatoes, freshly plucked herbs, and Cornman Farms produce to make 3 traditional fresh-from-the-farm craft cocktails. Tastings. With appetizers. Recipes available. *7–9:30 p.m., Cornman Farms, 8540 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. $65. Reservations required. 619–8100.*

★**MiRobotClub.** All robotics hobbyists invited to work on and discuss robots. Preceded at 6 p.m. by a **Kids Robot Club** meeting for kids ages 5–13, accompanied by a parent. *7–9 p.m., Maker Works, 3765 Plaza Dr. (off Airport Blvd. north of Ellsworth). Free. mirobotclub.com*

★**"Issues for Aging: The Role of Exercise as We Age": Jewish Community Center.** Talk by U-M Health Systems Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Center transitions programs coordinator Britt Michel. *7–8:30 p.m., JCC, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. (off Stone School Rd. south of Packard). Free. Preregistration required to Leah Zaas at leahz@jfsannarbor.org. 769–0209.*

★**Culinary History Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** All invited to discuss ***The Philosopher Fish: Sturgeon, Caviar, and the Geography of Desire,*** Richard Adams Carey's chronicle of a fast-disappearing fish and the people whose livelihoods depend on it. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

"Back to the Music: A Disco Express": Children's Creative Center. *Aug. 19–23.* Local kids present a musical about kids who travel back in time to save music from different eras. Proceeds benefit the CCC foundation. *7:30 p.m. (Aug. 19–22) & 2 p.m. (Aug. 23), Children's Creative Center, 1600 Pauline (at Kay Pkwy. east of Stadium). Tickets $50 for Aug. 21 benefit show that includes a reception & $15 (students & seniors, $10) for all other dates in advance and at the door. 769–0019.*

20 THURSDAY

★**"Read and Look": U-M Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.** Story time geared toward kids ages 3–6. Followed by a chance to explore elements of Kelsey exhibits that relate to the story. *10:15 a.m., meet at the Upjohn Wing front desk, 434 S. State. Free. 647–4167.*

"Tea with the Fairies": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room. Crazy Wisdom staff dress up as magical fairies to sprinkle fairy dust and serve tea, petits fours, and cookies to kids and their families. Also, fairy stories and readings. Bring your own fairy wings and dolls. *1 & 4 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. $11 (babies age 18 months & younger, free). Preregistration required. 665–9468.*

★**9th Annual Nashbash: Kerrytown District Association.** This mini country music festival is headlined by Grammy-nominated Nashville singer-songwriter **Jim Photoglo** and Nashville folk duo **The Don Juans.** Opening acts: **Whit Hill & the Postcards,** a former local mainstay now based in Nashville. Hill's richly imaginative country-folk originals are often spiked with her offbeat sense of humor. Hill has a new CD (*see review, p. 71*). Also, the local alt-country trio **Hoodang,** the local Americana duo **The Surefires,** and local country-folk singer-songwriter **Judy Banker.** Barbecue and drinks available. Followed by an **after party** at the Aut Bar (315 Braun

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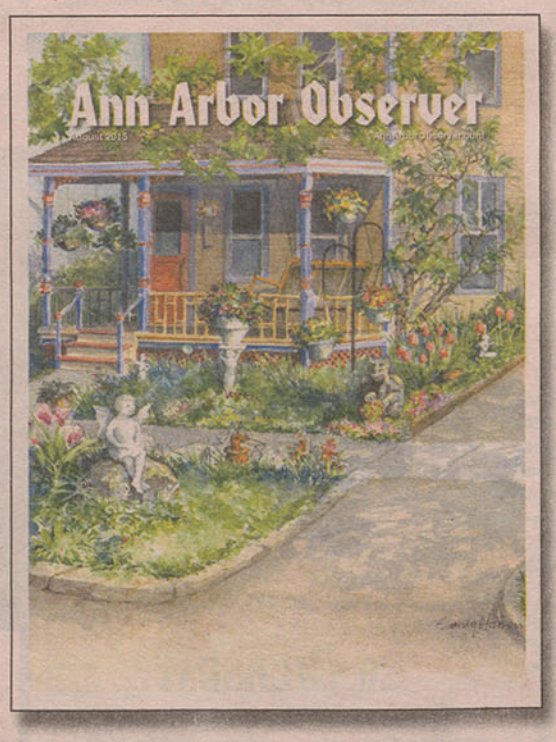

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★**"Sunset Hike: A Field Guide to Fields": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Shawn Severance leads a hike to explore the botany and wildlife of the meadow and prairie at Rolling Hills. Severance also gives information on the history of North American temperate grasslands. *6:30–8:30 p.m., Rolling Hills County Park, 7660 Stony Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. Free. 971–6337, ext. 335.*

★**"Drummunity!"** Lori Fithian, a local drummer and drum teacher, leads a drum circle. Instruments provided, or bring your own. Kids welcome. Preceded at 6:45 p.m. by a brief drum lesson. *7–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room, 114 S. Main. Free. 426–7818.*

★**"Paper Plate Flowers and Suns": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–3 invited to make colorful hanging flowers and suns using paper plates, ribbon, crepe paper, and found items. *7–8 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Nerd Nite Ann Arbor: Ann Arbor District Library.** Popular monthly event featuring several speakers TBA (at annarbor.nerdnite.com) who give fun yet informative talks, 18–21 minutes long, about topics that interest them, from nanoparticles to the science of the Simpsons and the genealogy of Godzilla. *7–9:30 p.m. or later (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), Live, 102 S. First. Free. 327–4555.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Beauty and the Beast": Father Gabriel Richard High School Dramalums. *Aug. 20–23.* Anne Kolaczkowski-Magee directs recent Gabriel Richard grads in Alan Menken, Howard Ashman, Tim Rice, and Linda Woolverton's musical version of the classic love story between a lovely maiden and a loathsome beast who must earn a maiden's love before the last petal falls from an enchanted rose. The Aug. 20 performance is an **opening night gala** ($100 in advance only) preceded at 6 p.m. by a strolling dinner. *7:30 p.m. (Aug. 20–22) & 2 p.m. (Aug. 23), WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $10 (except Aug. 20 gala, $100) at the door only. 662–0496, ext. 200.*

"A Night for James: A Concert Tribute to James Taylor": The Private Music Network. James Taylor songs by various area singer-songwriters, including **Chris Dupont, Drew "Captain Midnight" Howard, Bob Mervak, Adam Plomaritas, Antwaun Stanley, Chrystal Starr, Olivia Millerschin,** and others. Emcee is 107.1 DJ **John Bommarito.** *7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), Performance Network, 120 E. Huron. Tickets $20 in advance at privatemusicnetwork.com/network-events. 369–9998.*

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. See 13 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

21 FRIDAY

"Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival." *Aug. 21 & 22.* Local and visiting artists paint outdoors throughout Dexter Aug. 17–20, followed by a 2-day exhibit and silent auction at Monument Park of all the artwork created. Also, a painting competition with prizes, a **"DIA Inside|Out and Dexter Art Gardens Tour"** (10 a.m. Aug. 22, meet at the statue in Monument Park), a **children's chalk art** event led by well-known street artist David Zinn (Aug. 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.), and more. *11 a.m.–8 p.m. (Aug. 21) & 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (Aug. 22), Monument Park, Dexter. Free admission. paintdexter.org, 358–1744.*

★**36th Annual Ypsilanti Heritage Festival.** *Aug. 21–23.* Award-winning cultural heritage showcase of historical exhibits, live entertainment, kids activities, a health tent, old-fashioned games, contests, and much more in Riverside Park, Frog Island Park, and Depot Town. Also, a self-guided 9-stop **"Museums and Heritage River Walk"** (noon–4 p.m. each day, raffle for those who attend all 9 stops) that's highlighted by the fuselage of a C–24 that kids (and adults) can climb in, and **"Noise Permit,"** a teen talent show organized by teens (Frog Island Park, Sat., noon–6:30 p.m.). Food tent. Entertainment schedule TBA at ypsilantiheritagefestival.com. *Noon–9 p.m. (Aug. 21), 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (Aug. 22), & 11 a.m.–6 p.m. (Aug. 23), Depot Town/Riverside Park, Ypsilanti. Free admission (nominal charge for some special events). ypsilantiheritagefestival.com*

★**"Fix-It Friday": Maker Works.** All invited to bring anything that needs fixing—chairs, sweaters, radios, and more. Maker Works members and staff will be on hand to help fix things and offer advice. (Note: repairs are not guaranteed.) *4–6 p.m., Maker Works, 3765 Plaza Dr. (off Airport Blvd. north of Ellsworth). Free. 222–4911.*

fiction

Kelly Fordon

Behind the walls of privilege

Many people in this part of the world know the border that separates Detroit from the Grosse Pointes. The drive down East Jefferson past the empty lots and boarded buildings—past all the people who live there—until you reach that dramatic line (*transition* is certainly not the right word; it feels too gradual, too understandable) between the city and the privilege that borders it has become part of the "ruin porn" tour of Detroit.

Some of the people on the east side of that wall of privilege try to build barriers on the side streets, closing off the connections between their world and the city. Others, like writer Kelly Fordon, keep their eyes turned toward Detroit and recognize the emotional isolation of the terrified citizens who think they are protected behind their suburban walls.

In her new collection, *Garden of the Blind,* Fordon has mastered that difficult art of writing stories that stand alone but that also share characters, places, and incidents to form something that feels almost like an episodic novel. She has meticulously constructed the chronology of her characters' lives through forty years of development, from 1974 to 2014. That may be the reason that this collection feels so satisfying. When we read short stories we often feel as if we've looked through a small window at one tiny moment of the characters' lives. Here, we get to do that and then also get to see other moments through other windows.

Fordon's frank look at privilege and its consequences is clear from the first story, "The Great Gatsby Party, 1974." Vice-president Jerry Ford and his wife, Betty, attend an annual party unironically modeled on the Fitzgerald novel. But antiwar protestors show up, and the young protagonist, Alice Townley, witnesses the death of her sister beneath the wheels of a car. Fordon establishes her theme and location and introduces her most important recurring character. And, incidentally, she also puts herself—bravely and effectively—up against one of the most famous novels in American literature.

In the title story, the last of the collection, Alice and the world around her are forty years older. She has a teenage daughter who is on the edge of some real trouble with casual drug use and the studied indifference of adolescence. Her school sends her to do "community service" at a school for blind children in the city. She is to help plant a garden. Fordon is almost brutal in her portrayal of the lives of the white people who think they are doing good in these devastated communities. But this story ends on an extraordinary image that brings visitors, residents, even meditating Buddhist monks into a fragile moment of hope. Perhaps something might come of it all, although Kelly Fordon is far too honest to hold out any easy promise. Fordon reads at Literati August 26 (see Events).

—Keith Taylor

"Lager Lovin'": Zingerman's Creamery. Zingerman's Creamery staff discuss and offer taste samples of cheese pairings with an assortment of lagers. *6–8 p.m., Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Dr. $35. Reservations required. 929–0500.*

★**"Our Visit to Tübingen": Ann Arbor District Library.** Members of the local delegation to Ann Arbor's oldest sister city discuss and show photos of highlights of their recent visit to this university town in southwestern Germany. *7:30–9 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**"Self-Compassion: The Proven Power of Being Kind to Yourself": Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room Book Discussion.** Crazy Wisdom staff member Rachel Pastiva leads a discussion of University of Texas human development and culture professor Kristin Neff's book. *7:30–9 p.m., Crazy Wisdom, 114 S. Main. Free. 665–2757.*

★**Ann Arbor Kirtan.** All invited to join a group performance of this traditional devotional call-and-response music based on Hindu Vaishnava texts and the writings of poet-saints. Accompanied by live music based on rhythmic Indian ragas on bass guitar, tabla, and drums. *7:30–9:30 p.m., Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill St. Free, but donations accepted. 761–7435.*

"Beauty and the Beast": Father Gabriel Richard High School Dramalums. See 20 Thursday. 7:30 p.m.

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. See 13 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Jackie Flynn: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Aug. 21 & 22.* A former winner of the prestigious San Francisco International Comedy Competition, Flynn is an up-and-coming young comic known for sarcastic observational humor with a slight edge. A frequent guest on *Conan* and other TV shows, he also appeared in the hit films *There's Something about Mary, Kingpin,* and *Stuck on You.* Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 212 S. Fourth Ave. $14 reserved seating in advance, $16 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

22 SATURDAY

8th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair: Salem Area Historical Society. Show and sale of works by local artists and crafters. Also, self-guided tours of the one-room schoolhouse, concessions, and raffles. *10 a.m.–4 p.m., Jarvis Stone School, 7991 North Territorial at Curtis, Salem Twp. Free admission. (248) 486–5515.*

★**"Harlequin Creature Story Time": Literati Bookstore.** Readings from the new kid-friendly typewriter-themed issue of *harlequin creature,* a local hand-typed and hand-bound journal. *11 a.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

★**"Read to Rikki the Dog": Nicola's Books.** All beginning readers invited to read one-on-one to Rikki, a golden retriever who's a very good listener. *1:30–3:30 p.m., Nicola's, 2513 Jackson, Westgate shopping center. Free. 662–0600.*

"Summer Splash Day": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. A family-oriented afternoon of special activities, including water balloon events, water baseball, raft races, and a hula hoop relay. *2–4 p.m., Veterans Park Pool, 2150 Jackson Rd. $5 (youth age 17 & under and seniors age 60 & older, $4). 794–6234.*

★**"Needle Felted Creatures": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited to make a creature using sharp barbed needles, wool roving (strands of unspun fiber), and a foam block. *2–4 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

"Beauty and the Beast": Father Gabriel Richard High School Dramalums. See 20 Thursday. 7:30 p.m.

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 & 8 p.m.

"Arms and the Man": Carriage House Theater. See 13 Thursday. 8 p.m.

The Flutter & Wow: Mangiamo Italian Grill Acoustic Routes Concert. Detroit acoustic psychedelic Americana band with an alt-country edge fronted by husband-and-wife singer-songwriters Tasha and Brian Lord. The band recently released its debut CD, *Urban Prairie. 8 p.m., Mangiamo, 107 W. Michigan Ave., Saline. $15 by reservation and at the door. Preferred seating for dinner customers. 429–0060.*

Dena DeRose Trio: Kerrytown Concert House. *See review, p. 73.* New York vocalist and pianist DeRose performs songs from her new album, *We Won't Forget You,* that pays homage to Shirley Horn. The *Washington City Paper* calls her "the most creative and compelling singer-pianist since … Horn." With bassist **Rodney Whitaker** and drummer **Sean Dobbins.** *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $20–$35 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. kerrytownconcerthouse.com, 769–2999.*

Jackie Flynn: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 21 Friday. 8 & 10:30 p.m.

23 SUNDAY

"Swim to the Moon": Epic Races. 10-km, 5-km, 1.2-mile, and half-mile open water races. Awards, medals for finishers, T-shirts, a post-race feast, goodie bags, and photos. Proceeds benefit North Star Reach, a camp for kids with life-threatening illnesses. *6:10 a.m. (10-km), 8:10 a.m. (5-km), 10 a.m. (1.2- and half-mile), Halfmoon Lake Beach, Hankerd Rd. (1¾ miles north of North Territorial Rd.), Dexter Twp. $54–$84 in advance by July 31 at epicraces.com; $59–$94 Aug. 1–20; $69–$104 race weekend. $12 discount for USA Triathlon members. info@epicraces.com, 531–8747.*

★**"Border-2-Border Trail": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Moderate-paced 60-mile ride along the newest sections of this trail along the Huron River. Also, at 10 a.m., a slow-paced ride (546–1047), 16–31 miles, along the same trail, leaves the Mill Creek Park parking lot (behind the fire station) in Dexter. *9 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. Aabts.org*

★**"Dancing Babies": Ann Arbor District Library.** Music Together teacher Dianne Dudley leads infants through 5-year-olds (accompanied by an adult) in a program of music and dancing. *1–1:40 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Cirque Amongus": Ann Arbor District Library.** This Livonia-based troupe presents a program of comedy and circus arts, including audience participation, for kids in grades K–5. *1–2 & 3–4 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"The North Wetlands of Trinkle Marsh": Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.** WCPARC naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike to explore the northern wetland habitats of the marsh and learn about woody and herbaceous plants. Wear long pants and shoes or boots that can get wet and muddy. Hat and water recommended. *2–4 p.m., Trinkle Marsh at Easton Farm Preserve, Dancer Rd. just north of Trinkle Rd., Lima Twp. Free. 971–6337, ext. 334.*

★**"Mine More Coal: War Effort and Americanism in WWI Posters": UMMA.** Docent-led tour of the current exhibit of rarely displayed WWI posters from the museum's collection. *2–3 p.m., UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

"Beauty and the Beast": Father Gabriel Richard High School Dramalums. See 20 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 p.m.

"An Elegant Summer Evening": The Links. Buffet dinner and dancing to live music by jazz vocalist **Kimmie Horne.** Proceeds benefit the Washtenaw Imagination Library. *4–7:30 p.m., Polo Fields, 5200 Polo Fields Dr. (east off Zeeb, ½-mile north of Liberty). $75 in advance only. annarborchapterlinks.com, (313) 410–9909.*

Chefs in the Garden Dinner Series: Growing Hope Fundraiser. Dinner party with seasonal foods prepared by local chefs. *5–8 p.m., Growing Hope, 922 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Tickets $55 ($100 per twosome) in advance at growinghope.net/chefs_garden. 786–8401.*

★**"Opera in the Arb": U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens/Nichols Arboretum.** U-M opera students perform opera selections accompanied by piano. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Rain date: Aug. 30. *5 p.m., Nichols Arboretum, 1610 Washington Hts. Free. 647–7600.*

24 MONDAY

★**"Arm Knitting": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local crafter Beth Battey shows adults and teens in grade 6 & up how to use their arms as knitting needles to whip up something fashionable with chunky yarn and a bit of patience. *7–8:30 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Cork Trivet-Making": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local crafter Dawn Henry shows adults and kids in grade 6 & up how to make a trivet using wine corks. Corks provided, or bring your own. *7–8:45 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

25 TUESDAY

78th Annual Chelsea Community Fair: Chelsea Fairgrounds. *Aug. 25–29.* Fair rides and concessions (Aug. 25, 5–10 p.m. & Aug. 26–29, 1–10 p.m.) and a bingo tent, along with livestock shows, chainsaw wood-carving demos, truck and tractor pulls, demolition derbies, and "Nature's Creation of Life," an exhibit of calves, piglets, lambs, and chicks, some likely to be born during the fair. The Chelsea Fair Parade (free admission) begins at 1 p.m. on Aug. 29. Also on Aug. 29, at 12:45 p.m., **"Run for the Rolls"** ($15 by Aug. 25 & $20 after Aug. 25 at runfortherolls.com or by calling 475–0843), a 1-mile run/walk along the parade route to the fairgrounds, and, at 12:30 p.m., a new **5K race** ($30 by Aug. 2, $35 after Aug. 2) that detours through the grounds of Chelsea Hospital, Silver Maples Retirement Center, and St. Mary Catholic Church before heading back to the parade route. Awards; overall and age division winners in the Run for the Rolls also receive a dozen Common Grill rolls. Complete schedule available at chelseafair.org. *8 a.m.–10 p.m., Chelsea Fairgrounds, Old US-12 at Old Manchester Rd., Chelsea. $7 (kids 10 & under, free) daily admission; $25 5-day pass. Free admission for seniors age 65 & over on Aug. 27. 323–7085 before fair; 475–1270 during fair week.*

★**"Marshmallow Pops": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades K–5 invited to turn a plain marshmallow into a colorful decorated treat. *3–4 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower between Stone School & Packard. Free. 327–8301.*

★**Michigan Marching Band Practice.** *Aug. 25–29 & 31.* The U-M's highly disciplined 200-plus-member marching band or sections thereof can be seen and heard practicing on Elbel Field. All are welcome to find a spot in the bleachers and get a sneak preview of upcoming halftime shows. Rehearsals usually last 1.5–2 hours. *3:30 p.m. (Aug. 25), 7 p.m. (Aug. 25, 26, 29, & 31), 9 a.m. (Aug. 26, 27, & 29), 3 p.m. (Aug. 26 & 29), 2:30 p.m. (Aug. 27), 8:15–10 p.m. (Aug. 27), 7:30 p.m. (Aug. 28), 10:30 a.m. (Aug. 31), Elbel Field, Hill at Division. Free. 764–0582.*

★**"Stuffed Knit Dolls": Ann Arbor District Library.** Local crafter Beth Battey shows how to make a doll from knit fabric—or even an old sock—using needle and thread. *6:30–8:45 p.m., AADL Pittsfield Branch, 2359 Oak Valley Dr. between Scio Church Rd. and Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. Free. 327–8301.*

Educational Tour: Zingerman's Cornman Farms. An introduction to the history of the farm that supplies the Roadhouse, its products, and the humane raising of animals. Also, taste samples of a seasonal vegetable. *6–7:30 p.m., Cornman Farms, 8540 Island Lake Rd., Dexter. $20. Reservations required. 619–8100.*

★**"Birth of a White Nation": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice Racial Justice Book Group.** All invited to discuss chapter 5 and the conclusion of Jacqueline Battalora's book about the social and legal construction of "white people." Also, a chance to do activities from the book *White Awareness: Handbook for Anti-Racism Training. 7–9 p.m., Northside Presbyterian/St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway. Free. chuck@icpj.net, 663–1870.*

Frank Rosaly: Kerrytown Concert House. This Chicago jazz composer, drummer, and improviser performs with local saxophonist **Tim Haldeman.** Opening act is the local jazz improv duo of bass clarinetist and sopranino saxophonist **Piotr Michalowski** and cellist **Abigail Alwin.** *8 p.m., KCH, 415 N. Fourth Ave. $25–$30 (students, $5). Reservations recommended. kerrytownconcerthouse.com, 769–2999.*

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26 WEDNESDAY

★**"Smell and Tell: Fleurs Hypnotique et Fleurs Exotique": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk (with fragrance samples) about floral perfumes by local flavor and fragrance expert Michelle Krell Kydd, creator of the award-winning smell and taste blog Glass Petal Smoke. For adults and teens in grade 6 & up. *6:30–8:45 p.m., AADL multipurpose room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

★**Ann Arbor Bonsai Society.** Local bonsai artist Vince Hanna discusses bonsai tool cleaning and sharpening. Preceded at 6:30 p.m. by socializing. *7 p.m., Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro. Free; metered parking. AABonsaiSociety@gmail.com*

★**Kelly Fordon: Literati Bookstore.** *See review, p. 75.* This InsideOut Literary Arts (Detroit) writer-in-residence reads from ***Garden for the Blind,*** her new collection of short stories bound together by a couple of teens who grow up in an affluent Detroit suburb in the 1970s. When the two pin a crime on another student at their exclusive high school, the consequences reverberate for years to come. Signing. *7 p.m., Literati, 124 E. Washington. Free. 585–5567.*

"River and Dream": Nightfire Dance Theater. This local troupe presents a program of environmental dance and poetry, including a chance for the audience to join a water dance. If you want to participate, arrive by 7 p.m. to learn simple structured improvisation for the water dance. Children who participate must be accompanied by an adult; footwear recommended for dancing in the water. *7:30 p.m., Island Park, 1450 Island Dr. off Maiden Ln. $5–$15 sliding scale. 996–1772.*

★**History of Science Reading Group: Motte & Bailey, Booksellers.** All invited to discuss ***The Sun Kings,*** Stuart Clark's book about the 19th-century amateur astronomer Richard Carrington who discovered the effect of solar events on the earth. *7:30–9 p.m., Motte & Bailey, 212 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 669–0451.*

27 THURSDAY

★**"Fall Migration in Nichols Arboretum": Washtenaw Audubon Society.** *Every Thurs., Aug. 27–Oct. 29.* WAS members lead a hike through the Arb to look for fall warblers and other southbound migrants, many of which are in their first-year plumage. *8–11 a.m., meet in the cul-de-sac at the end of Riverview (off Geddes near the east end of Dow Field). Free. 677–3275.*

★**"Crafty Free-for-All": Ann Arbor District Library.** All kids in grades preK–5 invited to figure out something to make out of beads, feathers, fancy paper, stickers, and other supplies. *2–3 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 7 p.m.

"Ice Glen": PTD Productions. *Aug. 27–30 & Sept. 2–5.* Laura Bird directs local actors in Joan Ackerman's romantic comedy, set in 1919, about a beautiful poet dwelling in idyllic obscurity on an estate in the Berkshires with a motley band of cohorts, including an Irish cook, a lovesick gardener, and an unlikely playmate. A neighbor passes her poems to a Boston publishing firm, and a love triangle develops when an editor comes calling. Cast: Christina McKenzie, Nathan Corliss, Marie Jones, Dennis Platte, Robin Kallelis, Janet Rich, and Stacey Erskine. *Note:* The Aug. 30 performance includes a **talkback.** *8 p.m. (except Aug. 30 & Sept. 2, 2 p.m.), Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti. Tickets $18 (students & seniors, $12; Thurs., pay what you can) in advance at showtix4u.com, by phone, and at the door. ptdproductions.com, 483–7346.*

"Comedy Jamm": Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

★**"Moonshadow Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Slow-, moderate-, and fast-paced rides, 10–15 miles, along the Border-to-Border Trail from Dexter to Hudson Mills Metropark. *9 p.m., Mill Creek Park parking lot (behind the Fire Station), Main & Jeffords, Dexter. Free. 424–2802.*

28 FRIDAY

"An Evening of Jazz & Comedy": National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Performance by **Randy Scott,** a jazz saxophonist whose 4th album, *Breathe,* remained in the top 40 for 5 months. Opening act is Detroit jazz–influenced R&B band **Asante.** Emcee is **Crystal P,** a nationally known comic who's opened for Steve Harvey, P. Diddy, and others. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, raffle, and silent auction. Attire is business casual (no jeans or gym shoes). *7 p.m., WCC Morris Lawrence Bldg. Atrium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Tickets $45. aananbpwc.org*

"Full Moon Paddle": Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation. All invited to paddle around Gallup Pond un-

der a full moon to observe birds and other animals as they prepare for their nocturnal lives. Bring a flashlight. Canoes, kayaks, and equipment provided. *8–11 p.m., meet at Gallup Park Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. (west side of Huron Pkwy.). $18 per boat. 769–6240.*

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 8 p.m.

"Ice Glen": PTD Productions. See 27 Thursday. 8 p.m.

Dobie Maxwell: Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. *Aug. 28 & 29.* This veteran Milwaukee-bred comic is an explosively animated performer who specializes in cartoonish tales of the myriad misfortunes that have beset him since he was abandoned as a young child by his biker parents. Preceded by 2 opening acts. Alcohol is served. *8 & 10:30 p.m., 212 S. Fourth Ave. $11 reserved seating in advance, $13 general admission at the door. 996–9080.*

29 SATURDAY

★**Kids Day: White Lotus Farms.** All kids, accompanied by a parent, invited to tour the farm. Live music, live animals, face painting, milking demonstrations, and a farm cart that sells fresh produce, artisan breads and cheeses, goat milk soaps, pastries, and more. *9:30 a.m.–2 p.m., White Lotus Farms, 7217 W. Liberty. Free. kat@whitelotusfarms.com, 474–6430.*

★**Miller Rain Gardens Fall Weed Day.** All invited to help spruce up the rain gardens along Miller. Gardeners are on hand to answer questions. Bring work gloves and a weeding tool labeled with your name. *9:30–11:30 a.m., meet at 1916 Miller (at Bruce). Free. 730–9025.*

Annual Bonsai Show: Ann Arbor Bonsai Society. *Aug. 29 & 30.* Display of bonsai grown by club members. Also, bonsai demos, expert advice, and a sale of trees, soil, tools, pots, and other supplies. *10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Admission $3 (age 11 & under, free). Metered parking. programs@annarborbonsaisociety.org, 647–7600.*

"River Hop 2015." *Aug. 29 & 30.* Festival in the "River District" neighborhoods of northeast Ann Arbor (within a few miles of the Broadway Bridge). Today: Garage sales, garden tours, paddleboard lessons (9:30 a.m. at the Argo Canoe Livery, $5), artists' open studios, a **sustainable bike rally** (5 p.m. at Northside Community Center), a clay stamp activity at Yourist Studio Gallery (1133 Broadway, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.), **raptor feeding** (6–7 p.m. at Leslie Science & Nature Center), dancing to live music by the local hard-rocking country and blues quintet **The Switchbacks** (6–8 p.m. at Northside Community Center), and more. Also, a **"Bicycle History Tour"** (10 a.m.–noon), a history tour by bike (bikes provided). *10 a.m.–4 p.m. (Aug. 29) & 9 a.m.–8 p.m. (Aug. 30), River District neighborhood and Beckley Park (Argo St. just west of Pontiac). riverhop.org*

★**"Smash Bros. U": Ann Arbor District Library.** Video game tournament for teens in grades 6–12. Prizes. *1–4 p.m., AADL 4th-floor meeting room, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Colorful Cord Necklaces": Ann Arbor District Library.** All adults and teens in grade 6 & up invited make a colorful cord necklace using clay beads. *2–3 p.m., AADL Malletts Creek Branch, 3090 E. Eisenhower (between Stone School & Packard). Free. 327–8301.*

★**"Cat Care 101": Ann Arbor District Library.** Talk by Miranda Bono, owner of the Cat's Meow Cat Café, which is scheduled to open in town next year. Also, display of "cat furniture" and other structures from Catastrophic Creations. Coffee from Mason Jars Coffee. *3–4:30 p.m., AADL multipurpose room (lower level), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–4555.*

German Park Picnic. Old-fashioned German dinner served a la carte (approximately $8–$12) with wine, beer, pop, water, and coffee for sale. Dancing to German and American music by **Enzian aus Detroit.** *4–11 p.m. (no admission after 9 p.m.), German Park, 5549 Pontiac Trail (7 miles north of Ann Arbor; look for the banners and signs marking the entrance). $5 (children 12 & under, free). No one under 21 admitted without parent or legal guardian. 769–0048 (weekdays).*

"Potluck & Skillshare": Ann Arbor Reskilling. Potluck dinner (bring a dish to pass and your own washable plate, cup, and utensils). Followed by mini-workshops on topics TBA. *5–9 p.m., Northside Community Center, 809 Taylor (east off Pontiac Tr.). $5 suggested donation. Preregistration required for the workshops. A2reskilling.com*

Contra Dance: Pittsfield Grange/Stout Hearted String Band. Nashville caller Susan Kevra leads contras to live music by the band. Proceeds benefit the Grange. *8 p.m., Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor–Saline Rd. (just south of Oak Valley Dr.). $10. 769–1052.*

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30 SUNDAY

★**"Tour de Jaqueson": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society.** Fast-paced 100-mile ride for breakfast at the Roxy Café in Jackson followed by a ride through the Civil War Muster in Cascades Park. Also, at 9:30 a.m., a moderate-paced ride (347–1259) to the same destination leaves from Zou Zou's (101 N. Main, Chelsea). *8 a.m., meet at Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave. at Depot St. Free. 424–2802.*

Color Vibe 5K. Noncompetitive race in which runners are showered with colored powder at stations around Briarwood Circle. Followed by a dance party. *8 a.m., Briarwood mall, south side. $65 (kids age 12 & under, $10) in advance; $75 (kids age 12 & under, $15) on race day. thecolorvibe.com*

"River Hop 2015." See 29 Saturday. Today: A guided **bird hike** (9–10 a.m., meet at Argo Canoe Livery), kayak lessons (9:30 a.m. at the Argo Canoe Livery, $5), a **"Walking History Tour"** (1:30–3:30 p.m.) led by *Historic Ann Arbor* author Patrick McCauley, and much more. Also, the **Beckley Park annual neighborhood potluck picnic** (4–8 p.m.) includes live music and a bocce ball tournament. 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

★**"Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the End of WWII": VFW Graf-O'Hara Post 423.** All invited to celebrate VJ Day with ceremonies honoring surviving WWII veterans and Rosie the Riveters. Also, a WWII museum display. Snacks. *1 p.m., VFW Post 423, 3230 S. Wagner Rd. Veterans and Rosies who plan to attend should RSVP by phone or email to krandgr@comcast.net. Free. 428–0284.*

★**"Mario Kart 8": Ann Arbor District Library.** Video game tournament for all ages. *1–4 p.m., AADL meeting room (4th floor), 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. 327–8301.*

Annual Corn Roast: Ann Arbor Ski Club. Newcomers and members invited to this event kicking off the club's 60th season of trips and activities. Grilled corn, hot dogs, beverages, and preheated grills provided. Bring your own food to grill and a dish to pass, if you like. Also, volleyball and other games. Those under age 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. *1–7 p.m., Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard (next to Buhr Park). $5 admission. a2skiclub.org*

★**"Engaging with Art": UMMA.** Docents lead tours of the UMMA collection, with themes based on their interests. *2–3 p.m. UMMA, 525 S. State. Free. 764–0395.*

"Ice Glen": PTD Productions. See 27 Thursday. 2 p.m.

"Into the Woods": The Encore Musical Theatre Company. See 6 Thursday. 3 p.m.

★**"Fireside Fun": Leslie Science and Nature Center.** All invited to sit around a campfire, roast marshmallows, and swap stories. If you like, bring camping chairs and s'mores fixings (marshmallows provided). *6:30–8 p.m., LSNC, 1831 Traver Rd. Free. 997–1533.*

"A View from the Bridge": University Musical Society/National Theatre Live. Taped broadcast of the acclaimed London production of Arthur Miller's tragic masterpiece. When Eddie, an illiterate longshoreman, allows his wife's Sicilian immigrant cousins to move in, one of them develops an interest in Eddie's niece, and it becomes apparent that Eddie's own feelings for his niece are not avuncular. The production "breaks the surly bonds of naturalism and the conventions of the well-made play to create a work of seething intensity and savage beauty," says a *Telegraph* review. Stars Mark Strong, Nicola Walker, and Phoebe Fox. *7 p.m., Michigan Theater. Tickets $22 (Michigan Theater & UMS members, $18; students, $12) in advance at the Michigan League and ums.org, and (if available) at the door. 764–2538, (800) 221–1229.*

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31 MONDAY

See 3 Monday for recurring Monday events.

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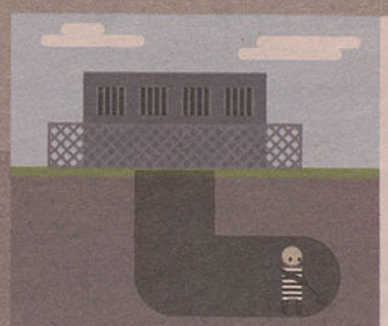

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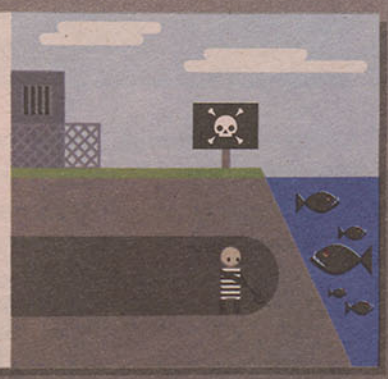

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CHELSEA ESTATE – Gorgeous 15-acre estate property just 10 minutes from Ann Arbor City limits. Enjoy vista views of rolling countryside, large pond, and trees from the oversized deck at this wonderful custom-built home. The home features stunning architecture and many upgrades. Highlights include high vaulted ceilings, custom cherry kitchen, three-story fireplace, luxury master suite, and three high quality outbuildings. $695,000. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – BACH ELEMENTARY – Wonderful 4-bedroom, 3-bath. Arts and crafts inspired renovation. Walking distance to downtown Ann Arbor. Great setting in one of Ann Arbor's most desired neighborhoods. This home is loaded with all of the features you've been hoping for. Highlights include hardwood flooring in most rooms, open concept floor plan, inviting living room with wood stove, large kitchen, first floor master suite, and great sized kids' bedrooms. $649,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISITNG – LANSDOWNE LAKE – This completely renovated 4-bedroom, 2 ½-bath Colonial on the water in Lansdowne is one of the nicest and rarest homes you will see. Exclusive enclave of waterfront homes just minutes to downtown Ann Arbor and walking distance to UM Stadium. Everything has been redone including cherry kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances, all hardwood floors, expanded family room, and remodeled baths. $649,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

KING SCHOOL – Very sharp 3-bedroom, 2 ½-bath contemporary home with your own private path to King Elementary. Wonderful setting with mature trees, two decks, and large grassy area. The interior of this home has had many updates. Highlights include living and dining rooms with high vaulted ceilings, walls of glass, Brazilian cherry floor, and full height fireplace, large kitchen with vaulted ceiling, large master suite with remodeled bath, large kids' rooms, flex use study could be 4th bedroom, and lower level family room. $579,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

TANGLEWOOD HILLS – Very nice 4-bedroom, 3-bath home on a spacious 1.3-acre cul-de-sac lot. Enjoy living in one of Ann Arbor's most desired neighborhoods just minutes to North Campus Research and M-14. The lot features spacious back yard, nice view, and deck. Interior features include two-story foyer with sweeping stair case, open kitchen with granite counters, family room with fireplace, sunroom, master bedroom with sitting area, and unique upper level exterior balcony. $499,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – TORWOOD – This custom built 3-bedroom, 3 ½-bath home rests on one of the best lots in the neighborhood - on a quiet cul-de-sac overlooking neighborhood common area. This home features an impressive list of amenities inside and out. Highlights include extensive landscaping with waterfall, three-season porch, great room with vaulted ceiling and hardwood floors, cherry kitchen with granite counters, luxury first floor master suite, and finished walkout basement. Great home! $379,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WALK TO DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR – The gracious, century-old 4-bedroom, 3-bath two-story home has been completely remodeled over the past 3 years. You will love the charm, character, and upgrades in this special home. Features include living room with original trim, maple kitchen with concrete counters and stainless steel appliances, large formal dining room, flex-use main level bedroom, nice master suite with private bath, and great kids' bedrooms. You will love this home! $349,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

MANCHETER – Incredible 3-bedroom, 2 ½-bath, custom-built log home on 10 gorgeous acres. This is a dream home on a dream setting featuring open grass, woods, garden, and a 24 x 32 barn. This is a true log home with exposed logs throughout. Feature include great room with wood stove and two-story ceiling, open kitchen with hickory cabinets, flex use upper loft, finished lower level with large rec room, 2 bedrooms, and bath. $349,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

HORSESHOE LAKE – Charming 3-bedroom, 1-bath, 2 ½-bath year-round cottage on this all-sports lake just minutes north of Ann Arbor. Enjoy boating, fishing, and the wonderful views from the shady backyard. Home has had many updates and includes large living room with views of the lake, open kitchen with new cabinets, and large bedrooms. $269,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

WALK TO U-M HOSPTIAL – Perfect 2-bedroom, 1 ½-bath condo just blocks from U-M Hospital. This is a rare find. Easy living condo convenient to downtown Ann Arbor and North Campus as well. Unit features living room with fireplace, open concept kitchen, master suite with attached ½ bath, large 2nd bedroom, and remodeled full bath. $199,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

NEW LISTING – ANN ARBOR – Completely redone 3- bedroom, 1½-bath home just minutes to everything. The interior of this home as undergone an extreme home makeover. Features include new kitchen with granite counter tops, new carpet, fresh paint, and new baths. Nice floor plan includes spacious living room, open concept kitchen, nice sized bedrooms, and full basement. $149,900. **Call Matt Dejanovich, 476-7100.**

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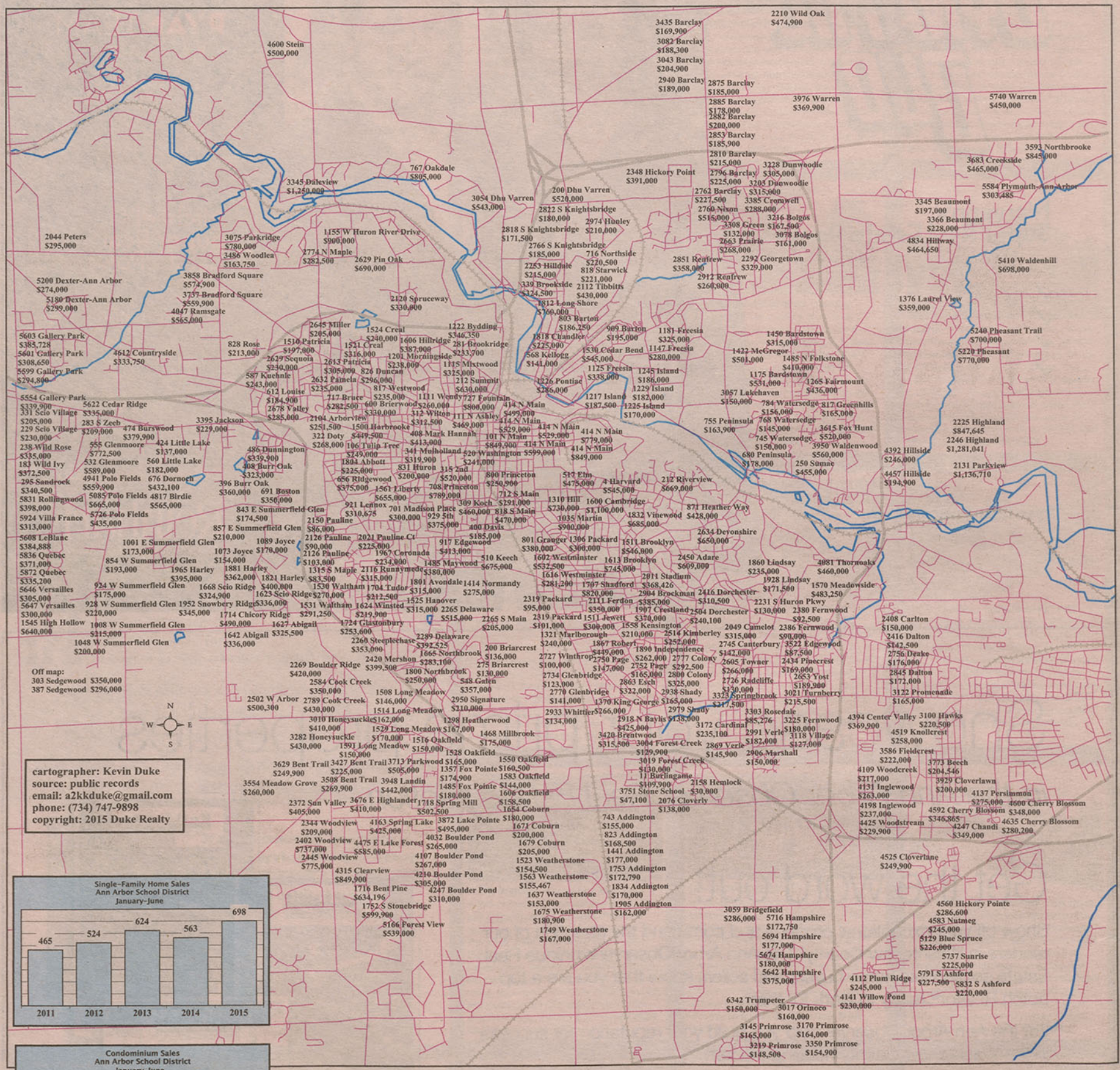

Some 404 home sales pack this month's map as tightly as the most popular booths at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs—so many we didn't have room for our usual symbols. May sales outside the city that we weren't able to list last month add to the crowding, but June was busy in its own right. To place this in context, the two adjacent charts, which track the first six months' sales over the last five years, may be of some help. The numbers of single-family home sales (698) and condominium sales (383) so far this year are clearly up compared to recent years.

Hot condo neighborhoods on the map include Pittsfield Township's Weatherstone near the intersection of Oak Valley and Lohr roads, where seventeen sales ranged in price from $144,000 to $205,000. Weatherstone condos measure 1,052 to 1,422 square feet, according to public records. On the northern edge of Ann Arbor off Nixon Rd., Barclay Park was also a popular buy: eleven sales ranged in price from $169,900 up to $227,500 for condos of 906 to 2,008 square feet. And then there are eight sales in Scio Township's Summerfield Glen off W. Liberty, which sold for $173,000–$220,000. Summerfield condos offer 1,125 to 1,412 square feet of living space.

On the eastern edge of the Ann Arbor School District in Superior Township, Toll Brothers' new Woodlands of Geddes Glen has the most expensive sale of a single-family home on the map: 2246 Highland for $1,241,041. It measures 5,408 square feet, according to public records. Meanwhile, southernmost Ann Arbor is the location of the least expensive single-family home sale. The 1,008-square-foot, single-family home at 2158 Hemlock sold for just $30,000 in the Arbor Oaks neighborhood off Stone School Rd.

If the price of 2344 Woodview in Pittsfield Township looks too good to be true, that's because it should not have been included on the map. We learned too late that it is just a vacant lot waiting for the day when someone builds a home there.

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Superior Township

Surrounded by 20 gorgeous acres of woods, meadows and ponds, this completely renovated home offers total luxury. The property features extensive landscaping, a separate guest house, barn, and helipad. ***$1,100,000***

Pinckney

Enjoy lakefront summer fun! Gorgeous custom home on Portage Lake with 105' of sandy beach frontage. Over 3300 sq. ft. with 5 bedrooms and 3.1 baths. Includes a 6 car pole barn with large side yard on the canal. ***$998,000***

Ann Arbor

Stunning custom contemporary on a 2 acre lot backing to 40 wooded acres. Foyer with curved staircase leads to 2-story great room. Full, finished walk-out lower level has second kitchen, rec room, full bath & sauna. ***$924,900***

Ann Arbor

Elegantly appointed home on a large .76 acre lot in a beautiful bucolic setting. Stunning gourmet kitchen. Lower level finished to above-grade standards with guest suite, hickory and granite bar, and stainless appliances. ***$899,000***

Ann Arbor

Rare cul-de-sac lot in luxurious Walnut Ridge. This Somerset model offers 4 bedrooms, a study, and 3 ½ baths. Vaulted conservatory room. Large kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite counters, center island and built-in desk. ***$769,900***

Pittsfield Township

Incredible lakefront living! No detail has been left out of this custom, all brick ranch. Finished walk-out is an entire other house featuring a full bath, 2 bedrooms, media room, wine cellar, kitchen, and family room. ***$600,000***

Pinckney

If you are looking for a truly unique lake home, with complete privacy, this is the place for you! Each space has an artistic detail to make it special. Includes a separate 2 bedroom apartment with full bath and kitchen. ***$595,000***

Dexter

Located in Fischers Landing, near downtown Dexter, this home is in impeccable condition. Over 4000 sq. ft. with 5 bedrooms, a study, and 4.1 baths. Finished lower level walks out to the in-ground pool. Huron River access. ***$564,900***

Ann Arbor

Situated in a private wooded setting, this spacious home has a great location in the Angell Elementary area. The amazing yard with gardens and a Koi pond overlooks the Huron River and Furstenburg Nature Area. ***$550,000***

Scio Township

Elegant, custom contemporary has an open floor plan with today's updates and style. Expansive, walk-out doubles the square footage and features a second kitchen, bedroom, full bath, and indoor Endless Pool. ***$525,000***

Ann Arbor

Sharp north side home located in a desirable neighborhood. Stylish, updated kitchen has adjoining breakfast space that opens to the family room with a cozy fireplace. Formal living and dining rooms. View-out basement. ***$424,900***

Ann Arbor

Fresh, bright, and updated with heart, this 4 bedroom Lansdowne home is move-in ready! Hardwood floors, new tile and carpet, and upscale finishes throughout. Located just minutes from the stadium and downtown. ***$419,900***

Dexter

Authentic 4 bedroom, 2 bath log home nestled on 6.5 private wooded acres, just 1.2 miles from downtown Dexter. Enjoy the up north feel from the covered porch or stroll along one of the trails. Includes a separate studio. ***$389,900***

Ann Arbor

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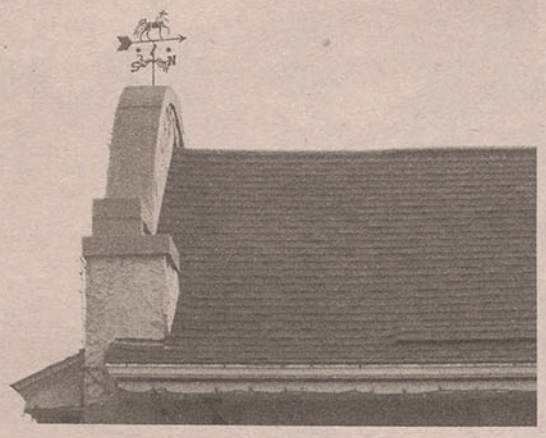
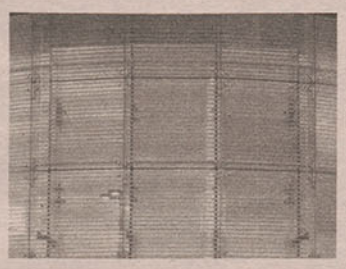
by Sally Bjork



The one where clothing is kept on

I know what house Cazzie built," writes Mary Keeley about July's feature, Crisler Arena, "or, Center as it is called now." The phrase honors "former Wolverine great, Cazzie Russell," writes Vivian Loh about Michigan's star basketball player of the 1960s. The crowds he drew to what was then Yost Field House spurred Crisler's construction. "I was fortunate enough to see Cazzie play where the ice arena is now," writes Tom Jameson. Ann Whiting was a "student escort" at the dedication of Crisler Arena, which was part of "the year-long U of M Sesquicentennial celebration back in 1967," she writes. "Ahhh, memories …"

"It's not actually the house that Cazzie built," clarifies Aimee Germain—the photo actually shows "the William Davidson Development Center," which opened in 2012 and features practice courts, locker rooms, training and conditioning facilities, and more. Eric Sobocinski asks, "Does that make it the addition to the house that Cazzie built?"



We received 33 entries correctly identifying (the addition to) the house that Cazzie built. Our random drawing winner is Tim Reade of Huntington Woods. He's donating his $25 gift certificate to Kim Elsifor, author of last month's feature about the perils of an Ann Arbor job search; she's taking it to the new Arborland Kroger.

To enter this month's contest, use the photo and clue above to identify the feature and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

fake ad

by Jay Forstner

We received 125 entries correctly identifying the Fake Ad for The Partnership for a Gender-Free America on page 66 of the July issue. The ad contained a few lines from the Bob Seger song "Turn the Page."

The ever-inquisitive Andy Yagle included a request in his entry: "Please let us know approximately how many Fake Adders mention Bob Seger."

We aim to please. A dozen entries (counting Yagle's) mentioned Seger, including a few who correctly referred to the singer as "Ann Arbor's own."

Rick Mintz took Yagle's request a step further, asking if a Bob Seger reference produces more responses than a Cat Stevens reference. "I assume it would in Ann Arbor," Mintz wrote, "but would like to see the data." We'd like to see that data, too, but it would require a few minutes of research and we're on deadline, so we're just going to second Mintz's assumption.

Our winner was Diane Hollosy. She's taking her gift certificate to Zingerman's Roadhouse.

To enter this month's contest, find the fake ad and follow the instructions in the box below. The fake ad always contains the name of last month's winner in some form.

To enter either contest, send email with the subject "Fake Ad" or "I Spy" to backpage@aaobserver.com. Mail: 2390 Winewood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. All correct entries received by noon on Monday, August 10, will be eligible for this month's random drawings. Winners will receive $25 gift certificates to any business advertising in this issue.

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Concert Music

classical, religious, cabaret

- 21st Annual Summer Sings (UMS), Aug. 3
- Organist Gail Archer, Aug. 3
- "A Night of Broadway with Jeffrey & Jay," Aug. 16

Vernacular Music

pop, rock, jazz, & traditional

See ***Nightspots,*** *p. 54, for shows at the Ark, Blind Pig, & other clubs.*

- Jeff Daniels (singer-songwriter), Aug. 1 & 2
- Linosphere (experimental), Aug. 3
- Neil Woodward (singer-songwriter), Aug. 4
- André Mehmari (Brazilian jazz pianist), Aug. 4
- Lyle Lovett and His Large Band (country), Aug. 4
- "Sonic Lunch" concerts, every Thurs.
- Saline Summer Music Series, Aug. 13 & 27
- Ben Jansson Quartet (jazz), Aug. 13
- Mr. B (boogie-woogie), Aug. 16
- Flutter & Wow (acoustic), Aug. 22
- Dena DeRose Trio (jazz), Aug. 22
- Frank Rosaly (jazz drummer), Aug. 25
- Luke Winslow King (singer-songwriter), Aug. 30

Theater, Opera, & Dance

- *Urinetown* (Penny Seats), Aug. 1, 6–8, & 13–15
- *Jihad Jones & the Kalashnikov Babes* (Theatre Nova), every Thurs.–Sun. through Aug. 16
- *Bird of Passage* (Carriage House), Aug. 1
- Opera on Tap, Aug. 4
- *Into the Woods* (Encore), every Thurs.–Sun., Aug. 6–30
- *School for Scandal* (Brass Tacks), Aug. 6–8
- People Dancing, Aug. 7 & 8
- *Arms and the Man* (Carriage House), Aug. 13–16 & 20–22
- Academy of Russian Classical Ballet, Aug. 15
- *Beauty and the Beast* (Gabriel Richard Dramalums), Aug. 20–23
- *Ice Glen* (PTD), Aug. 27–30
- *A View from the Bridge* (National Theatre broadcast), Aug. 30

Comedy, Storytelling, & Performance Art

- Comic Nore Davis, Aug. 1
- Comic Kevin McPeek, Aug. 7 & 8
- Comic Bill Bushart, Aug. 14 & 15
- Laugh Riot Dolls (comedy-cabaret), Aug. 15
- Comic Jackie Flynn, Aug. 21 & 22
- Comic Dobie Maxwell, Aug. 28 & 29

Festivals, Fairs, & Shows

- Dixboro Fair, Aug. 1
- Milan Bluegrass Festival, Aug. 6–8
- Chelsea Sounds & Sights, Aug. 6 & 13
- Saline Summerfest, Aug. 7 & 8
- DIYpsi Summer Festival, Aug. 8 & 9
- Exotic Bird Exhibition, Aug. 9
- Homefront Victory Celebration, Aug. 13–16
- Dexter Daze, Aug. 14 & 15
- Nashbash, Aug. 20
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- Ypsilanti Heritage Fest, Aug. 21–23
- Chelsea Community Fair, Aug. 25–29

Lectures, Readings, & Forums

- Novelist J. Ryan Stradal, Aug. 5
- TV star Cindy Williams, Aug. 9
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